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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Dear Neighbors,

It has been an eventful winter since my last newsletter! So much has changed – for the better – and I'm excited to share it with you!

Since November, the political landscape here in Harrisburg has changed dramatically and we've had plenty of firsts. For the first time in 12 years, the House Democratic Caucus is now the majority party in the state House! We elected Austin Davis as the FIRST African American Lieutenant Governor and a few weeks ago, my colleagues elected me to be the FIRST woman and second African American Speaker of the House. Most importantly, our caucus better represents ALL Pennsylvanians, thanks to the largest and most diverse class of freshmen legislators who were sworn in on Jan. 3.

Becoming Speaker of the House is such an honor, and I'm humbled to have the support and trust of my caucus!

You can watch the video from when I was sworn in as Speaker by scanning the QR code below:



I take great pride in being the first woman to have the gavel in the nearly 250-year history of our General Assembly, but I take even greater pride in knowing this first will surely lead to more women in Harrisburg being able to hold this office.

The 2023-24 legislative session is off to a great start. It is such an honor to be your voice in Harrisburg and I am ready to continue the fight for our community especially, and to ensure our policies benefit all Pennsylvanians.

Jocelyn E. McClintock



Around the Capitol

It is always a pleasure to welcome neighbors to the state Capitol!

- 1** It was an honor to be sworn in for another term as state representative of the 191st Legislative District on Jan. 3, at the state Capitol!
- 2** State Sen. Anthony H. Williams, state Rep. Jordan Harris and my office are committed to bringing home critical resources to our constituencies.
- 3** I was grateful to support Emgage Pennsylvania and the Council on American Islamic Relations' Muslim Lobby Day! Special thanks to Salima Suswell for coordinating such an awesome day for our youngest constituents!
- 4** I was so happy to welcome Tonie Willis, founder of Ardella's House, as my FIRST guest as Speaker of the House!
- 5** On Feb. 28, I was sworn in as the first female Speaker of the House! What an honor! Thank you to my colleagues and all my neighbors for the continued support!
- 6** This was my FIRST budget address as Speaker of the House. It was an honor to introduce Lt. Gov. Austin Davis!



A MOMENT IN HISTORY

for the

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Feb. 28, I was elected Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. I became the **FIRST** woman in the nearly 250-year history of the General Assembly to hold this position. I want to thank my colleagues for this amazing opportunity and for placing their trust in me to lead the state House in the 2023-24 legislative session.

But this isn't just my win – it's **OUR** win, ladies. It's a win for all the women and young girls who've been told no, simply because of their gender or the color of their skin. Your wildest dreams **ARE** possible, no matter the obstacles that stand in your way!

#HERstory



Here we have **THREE** firsts: The first African American Lieutenant Governor, Austin Davis; the **FIRST** female state Senate Pro Tempore, Kim Ward; and the **FIRST** female Speaker of the House.

DON'T MISS OUR MOBILE OFFICE HOURS!

YEADON MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Yeadon Public Library
Every Thursday from
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESS:
809 Longacre Blvd., Yeadon

DARBY MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Darby Borough
Recreation Center
First Tuesday of the month
from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

ADDRESS:
1022 Ridge Ave., Darby

Neighbors – don't miss our mobile office hours in Yeadon and Darby! My talented staff will be on site every Thursday at the Yeadon Public Library and every first Tuesday of the month at the Darby Borough Recreation Center to assist you with all state-related matters. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the state-related resources available to you!

Working for you: BRINGING STATE RESOURCES BACK HOME

\$50 million in grants to investigate, prosecute gun violence in Philadelphia

I was proud to stand with state Sen. Vincent Hughes, Mayor Jim Kenney and other local officials in December to announce a historic investment to support law enforcement and gun violence investigations in Philadelphia.

Out of the nearly \$50 million in state funding, \$25 million was awarded to the Philadelphia Police Department for a comprehensive upgrade to its crime lab and for the purchasing of related equipment.

An additional \$20 million was secured for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office to expand its digital surveillance capabilities, including video analytics and license plate reader technology.

The remaining \$4.9 million was awarded to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority for the implementation of its ZeroEyes software pilot program and to increase Transit Police overtime.

Gun violence affects our community, and my office will continue to coordinate with other elected officials to ensure we're investing in preventative measures to bring a sense of peace back to our communities.



Cobbs Creek Nature Playground and Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center receives \$3 million for site upgrades



Major upgrades are underway at the Cobbs Creek Nature Playground and Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center, and I'm grateful to have brought in \$3 million for this project in West Philadelphia.

As a lifelong resident of southwest Philadelphia, I understand the importance of public spaces and the roles they play in the lives of younger children. Thanks to a partnership with Rebuild Philadelphia, we were able to double our investments to ensure our children's children will be enjoying this public space for years to come.

More than \$700K awarded to libraries in Yeadon, Darby

Neighbors – I'm excited to announce a substantial investment in our libraries in Yeadon and Darby! Darby Library Co. and Yeadon Public Library were two of only 21 libraries in 15 counties to earn competitive state awards to improve their facilities!

\$2.8 million awarded to Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital

Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Yeadon will soon have a crisis stabilization center, thanks to a \$2.8 million state grant.

\$1.9 million in funding to support Bartram to Passyunk Trail Project

The Bartram to Passyunk Trail Project has moved into its next phase, following the disbursement of \$1.9 million in state funding.

Phase two of the project will include land acquisition; rebuilding retaining walls; grading; paving; landscaping; and installing trail fixtures like lighted

pathways. Phase two of this project also will allow for the trail's extension from its southernmost point near 61st Street to the Passyunk Avenue Bridge.

\$7 million grant secured for William Penn School District, Kerr Field athletic complex

William Penn School District recently was awarded upwards of \$7 million in state funding to help pay for building renovations within the district. Renovation efforts currently are underway at the district's Bell Avenue, Lansdowne and W.B. Evans elementary schools, as well as the Kerr Field athletic complex.

Aside from facility upgrades, Kerr Field is FINALLY receiving a new running track and markings; a new turf field; lighting; grandstands; baseball and softball reorientation; a locker room; and a field house.

Former coaches in attendance were so excited to celebrate this project!

The football field will be ready by this September and the track will be ready in the spring of 2024.



\$50K grant to fund Civics Education Program in West and Southwest Philly schools

I joined officials from the Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Education Center Inc., and other local educators to celebrate a \$50,000 grant to fund a civics education program in several West and Southwest Philadelphia high schools!

Our communities are stronger when we have an engaged electorate, and the best way to foster an engaged electorate is to start getting young people informed and involved!



House Democrats want good-government bills, transparency

In January and officially in February, we ushered in a new way of governing – a House Democratic majority. We restructured our leadership team and got right to work!

In the first week of our leadership, we passed impactful legislation that would give survivors of child sex abuse a pathway to justice by changing the statute of limitations laws.

House Democrats have also brought reform to Harrisburg by adopting new operating rules that influence how the state House works. This reform package will restore fairness that has been missing for many years and make Pennsylvania's government more responsive to all its people.

Reforming Harrisburg Better rules mean better lawmaking

The House rules package will reform how the House works. These reforms will restore fairness that has been missing for many years and make Pennsylvania's government more responsive to all its people.

- 1 Members of the minority party will have a chance to be heard
- 2 Fair committee composition
- 3 No committee chair can stop a good bill with bipartisan support from being considered
- 4 Expanded protections against harassment and discrimination



The PA House voted to protect survivors

We call on the Senate to help us deliver justice



A successful winter Senior Expo!

Thanks for coming out and enjoying the festivities!



Around the 191st





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My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, welfare)
- Consumer complaints
- Complaints about road conditions
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability plates and placards
- PACE cards for senior citizens
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies

Any problem with state government!

**PROPERTY TAX/
RENT REBATE PROGRAM**
for residents who are permanently disabled,
50+ and widowed, or 65+

Application Deadline: **June 30, 2023**

What we need from you:

EVERYONE
All earned income tax forms (1099 SD, W2s, etc.)

HOMEOWNERS
Copies of all paid tax bills

RENTERS
Signed form from the landlord

\$35,000 household income for homeowners
&
\$15,000 household income for renters

For those on Assisted Housing, first of 120002 income is excluded for eligibility.



My office can help put money BACK in your pocket with the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

Neighbors! My office can help put money back in YOUR pocket! Stop in at our district office at 52 S. 60 St. to find out if you qualify for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program or to see if you have unclaimed property currently housed by the PA Treasury!



I recently was presented the SHERO award by the Black Clergy of Greater Philadelphia!