

# STURLA

from State Representative  
**MIKE STURLA**  
96th Legislative District

## Report

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## LANCASTER OFFICE AT 1560 LITITZ PIKE

Due to redistricting, Rep. Sturla had to move his Lancaster office to 1560 Lititz Pike. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and the phone number is 717-295-3157. Pictured below is the office location and staff (l-r): District Office Director Francis Miliano with Constituent Service Advisors Heather Winters and Lashan Speller.

Swing by the office to pick up state literature about senior citizens services, PACE, disability placard, benefits & rights for older Pennsylvanians, PEMA guide, Real ID, landlord & tenant guide, benefits & services for veterans, your child's records, unemployment resources guide, PA driver's manual and more.



## CONSTITUENT SURVEY

To better serve you, Rep. Sturla is seeking your input on policy issues and future district events. Use the adjacent QR code to go directly to the online survey or go to [www.RepMikeSturla.com](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com) and click on Constituent Survey under the Help & Services section in the top right corner. You can also call the office at 717-295-3157 to have a survey mailed to you.



## VOTING REMINDERS

Go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) to make sure you are ready to vote on May 16. You must register to vote by May 1 and apply for a mail ballot by May 9.



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## STURLA NAMED MAJORITY CHAIR OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

House Speaker Joanna McClinton named Rep. Sturla the Majority Chair of the PA Housing & Community Development Committee this session. Previously known as the Urban Affairs Committee when Sturla was Democratic Chair last session, he advocated for the name change to better reflect the committee's work. He looks forward to continuing the committee's efforts to address vital issues such as affordable housing, blight, uniform building codes, redevelopment and growth management. You can watch committee meetings and view what bills have been approved by the committee at [www.RepMikeSturla.com](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com) under the News tab.



### STURLA HOSTS SHAPIRO

On April 5, Rep. Sturla hosted an event with Gov. Josh Shapiro at Lancaster Fire Station 3 in the 96th District. The governor talked about his budget investments in fire, EMS and 911 services. Learn more at [www.shapirobudget.pa.gov](http://www.shapirobudget.pa.gov).

### STURLA CONTINUES SERVICE ON CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION



Rep. Sturla will continue to serve on the Chesapeake Bay Commission (CBC) to improve the environmental health of the bay and Lancaster's rivers and streams. You can follow the CBC's work at [www.chesbay.us](http://www.chesbay.us).

### THIS SESSION'S LEGISLATION

You can go to [www.RepMikeSturla.com](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com) and click on "Bills I've Introduced" under the "News" tab to see Rep. Sturla's legislation so far this session. His notable bills include:

HB 20 – Would provide \$350 million annually for projects to improve water quality.

HB 677 – Would enable municipalities to require fences between livestock and streams.

HB 679 – Would require all counties to have their own health departments or be part of a regional health department.

HB 680 – Would allow state grants per firehouse instead of per fire company.

HB 684 – Would require municipalities relying on state police for part-time or full-time coverage to pay a fee that covers the cost of a small portion of those services.

# UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

## JUNE 3: SHREDDING EVENT

Rep. Sturla's Shredding Event will be on Saturday, June 3 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Lancaster Airport (500 Airport Road, Lititz). Two banker's boxes (dimensions of 10" x 12" x 15" and pictured here) are allowed per person. Any paper can be shredded, and staples or paper clips do not need to be removed. Registration is required by emailing your name and address to [RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net) or calling 717-295-3157.



## JUNE 6: LANCASTER HISPANIC SUMMIT ON ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Partnering with the Alzheimer's Association, Lancaster City Housing Authority, YMCA and Highmark, Rep. Sturla's office will be at this important summit on Tuesday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Groff Event Center (234 W. Orange St., Lancaster). Learn about Alzheimer's prevention, early detection and diagnosis. Register at 800-272-3900 or [www.RepMikeSturla.com](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com) under the "News" tab.

## JULY 25: TRANSPORTATION TOWN HALL

Rep. Sturla will hold a Transportation Town Hall on Tuesday, July 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Airport (500 Airport Road, Lititz). PennDOT and airport officials will join Rep. Sturla in providing updates and answers to your questions about local projects, traffic congestion, and other transportation-related issues. Please RSVP via [RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net](mailto:RepMikeSturla@pahouse.net) or 717-295-3157.



## AUGUST 13: BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Rep. Sturla's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Event will be held on Sunday, August 13 from noon to 2:30 p.m. with activities continuing until 4 p.m. at Clipper Magazine Stadium (650 N. Prince St., Lancaster). Register via the adjacent QR code or [www.RepMikeSturla.com/BackToSchool](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com/BackToSchool). If you, your business or organization is interested in helping out at this community event, please contact Francis Miliano at [fmiliano@pahouse.net](mailto:fmiliano@pahouse.net) or 717-295-3157. View photos from past years' events at [www.RepMikeSturla.com/Galleries](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com/Galleries).



Scan here  
to register  
online today

# STURLA SERVING ON BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING COMMISSION

With the Commonwealth Court ruling that the state's school funding formula is unconstitutional, Rep. Sturla will be very active this session in working with fellow legislators to devise a fair and equitable funding formula. Sturla has been on the Basic Education Funding Commission since its creation in 2015 where he has advocated for an improved formula and looks forward to discussing this important issue.

## OVER \$2.3 MILLION FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

Rep. Sturla recently helped secure state funding for local multimodal and public improvement projects via the Commonwealth Financing Authority:

- \$1,000,000 for YWCA Lancaster to construct and install an ADA-compliant, stretcher-sized elevator.
- \$200,000 to the City of Lancaster to construct an eastbound bicycle lane on Fulton Street in Lancaster City.
- \$250,000 for Tenfold to complete a comprehensive renovation to its 112-year-old TLC shelter facility that will provide better temporary housing and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness.
- \$476,905 for SACA Development Corporation to complete building renovations to their human services facility, El Centro Hispano.
- \$400,000 for South Ann Concerned Neighbors to construct a community hub where all neighborhood individuals are provided community resources.



## NEW HQ IN THE 96TH



On March 3, Rep. Sturla participated in a ribbon-cutting for the new headquarters location for Fenner Precision Polymers in Lititz.

## LIHEAP HELP

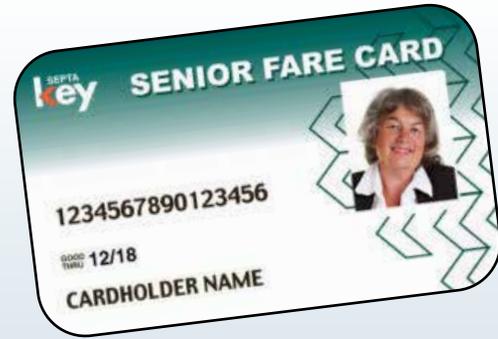
The state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is open until April 28, 2023. Apply at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or call the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095 for more info. Rep. Sturla's office is also available to help.



# IP PLANT IN THE 96<sup>TH</sup>



On March 14, Rep. Sturla toured International Paper's Solid Fiber Plant in Lancaster.



## NEED A SEPTA SENIOR FARE CARD?

You can call Rep. Sturla's office at 717-295-3157 to schedule an appointment to complete your SEPTA Senior Fare Card application. Please note that you will NOT receive your card the same day, and the anticipated processing time is five weeks. You also will need to bring your PA ID/driver's license or birth certificate. If renewing, please bring your expired card.

## HELP WITH PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

You have until June 30 to submit your Property Tax/Rent Rebate application for taxes/rent paid in 2022. You can apply at [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov) or contact Rep. Sturla's office for assistance at 717-295-3157, especially if you have eligibility questions.

The following documents can be dropped off in the office's black mailbox (pictured here) in an envelope with your full name and phone number:

- Proof of income for 2022 (for example: if you work: W-2 or tax return; if you do not work, your letter from Social Security showing how much you received in disability payments or SSI payments).
- If you rent, your rent certificate signed by your landlord.
- If you do not rent, proof that you paid your property taxes to Lancaster County, your municipality, and your school district. This may be on your year-end mortgage summary (SS Form 1098) from your bank or mortgage company.
- Proof of identity (if this is the first time our office has helped you). Bank routing and account number (if you want the refund via direct deposit).
- Once these documents are received, Rep. Sturla's staff will call you to verify receiving them. Original documents will be mailed back to you.





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## HERE TO SERVE YOU

Rep. Sturla's district office staff is happy to help you navigate state government programs and services. Call the 1560 Lititz Pike office at (717) 295-3157 for free assistance.

### **Ayuda disponible en español**

Tengo la fortuna de tener personal bilingüe listo para ayudarle con cualquier problema relacionado con el estado. Puede llamar nuestra oficina, localizada en 1560 Lititz Pike, Lancaster, al (717) 295-3157.

## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Car registrations, special tags, disability parking placards, titles, and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Requests for literature – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups

## Sign Up for Weekly Emails

If you would like to receive weekly email updates on state government issues, go to [www.RepMikeSturla.com](http://www.RepMikeSturla.com) and scroll to the bottom of the page for the sign up form. For timely updates, you can follow [@RepMikeSturla](https://twitter.com/RepMikeSturla) on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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