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June 4, 2026

The Honorable Rashaad Bates, President
Norristown Municipal Council
Norristown Municipal Hall
235 E. Airy Street
Norristown, PA 19401

SENT VIA EMAIL AND USPS

Dear President Bates and Members of Council:

I am writing to inform you that shortly I will be publicly releasing the attached statement in response to the tragic shooting that occurred in our community this week and the growing concerns regarding youth violence and public safety in Norristown.

The loss of another young life is heartbreaking, and the events of the past several days have once again underscored the urgency of addressing violence among our youth. As elected officials, we have a responsibility to respond not only with words of sympathy, but with leadership, vision, and action.

My statement calls upon the Norristown Municipal Council to make youth violence prevention a priority by convening community stakeholders and beginning the development of a comprehensive strategy focused on prevention, intervention, and opportunity. I believe our residents deserve to know that their local government is actively engaged in identifying solutions and bringing together the partners necessary to address this crisis.

At the same time, I believe our community needs more than a plan to address youth violence. It also needs a clear governing plan for the day-to-day operation of municipal government. Residents deserve confidence that their local government is focused on public safety, economic development, infrastructure, neighborhood quality of life, and the effective delivery of municipal services. These priorities are interconnected, and strong leadership on all of them is essential to rebuilding public trust and strengthening our community.

Now more than ever, Norristown needs its elected municipal officials to lead out front on the issues that matter most to residents. Silence, uncertainty, or a lack of visible direction only deepens public frustration and erodes confidence in government. Our community deserves leaders who are willing to communicate openly, set priorities, bring people together, and chart a path forward.

I respectfully request that Council provide a public update on its intended next steps to address youth violence and broader Municipal priorities within the coming weeks. Residents deserve to understand how their local government plans to respond to these challenges and what actions are being taken to move our community forward.

As the State Representative for Norristown, I remain committed to being a catalyst for these conversations and helping convene the partners needed to move this work forward. I stand ready to work alongside Municipal Council, the Police Department, Montgomery County officials, educators, clergy, nonprofit organizations, business leaders, families, and residents to develop meaningful solutions that improve public safety and create greater opportunity for our young people.

The challenges facing our community are significant, but so is our collective capacity to address them if we choose to act together with urgency and purpose.

I look forward to working with you in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Scott". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "S".

Greg Scott
State Representative
54th Legislative District

CC: Members of Norristown Municipal Council

Norristown Area School Board Members

Attachment: Public Statement on Youth Violence Prevention and Community Leadership