

Hello Neighbor,

I hope I find you well and healthy. As spring comes to an end and we prepare to enter the summer months, I wanted to keep you up to date on what I've been doing in our community and Harrisburg, as well upcoming program deadlines. As your state representative for the 188th District in West Philly, it is my honor to serve you. If you ever need assistance with state programs or services, feel free to stop by my office or give us a call.

Sincerely,



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UPDATES FROM HARRISBURG

Legislation

Throughout this term, I have introduced and re-introduced multiple pieces of legislation to support children and youth, invest in community resources like schools and housing, reduce the harms of mass incarceration, and much more. I've been working hard to bring these bills up for a vote in the House. Read more about my legislation by scanning the QR code on the right.



Birth Certificates for Minors and Foster Care and Justice Involved Youth

Last year we successfully negotiated changes to the Department of Health's Vital Statistics rules and now individuals 16 or older can apply for their birth certificate without a parent or guardian! Because of this program, I've helped 400 young people from across the Commonwealth get access to their vital documents! Do you know a minor or foster care or justice-involved youth who needs help accessing their birth certificate? Apply at health.pa.gov/topics and click "Certificates and Records" and then "Forms" or stop by my office and my team can help!

UPDATES FROM HARRISBURG

Violence Reduction

- Anti-Drug & Alcohol Crusaders Inc. awarded \$169,000 to provide evidence-based violence prevention education and positive alternative activities for students participating in Safe Haven Out-of-School Time program located at Hardy Williams Elementary Mastery Charter School.
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia awarded \$1.93 million to continue the hospital-based violence intervention program.
- Drexel University awarded \$1.2 million to engage youth who experience individual/family/community trauma into behavioral health services by enhancing and diversifying its outreach and engagement strategies.
- Center on Treatment & Study of Anxiety at the University of Pennsylvania awarded \$1.52 million to expand the scope and reach of the Prolonged Exposure Therapy Initiative, a program that supports the implementation of Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD in community mental health centers in Philadelphia, by creating the Philadelphia Prolonged Exposure to Address Community Violence Project, which will be a coalition of 60 providers who are trained to respond to the mental health needs of individuals who experience community violence.
- Injury Science Center at the University of Pennsylvania awarded \$2.33 million to expand and enhance the School District of Philadelphia's Safe Path to School program.
- Penn Trauma at the University of Pennsylvania awarded \$1.91 million to support the expansion of the Violence Recovery Program.
- YEAH Philly awarded \$500,000 to expand the Violent Crime Initiative that provides holistic and culturally relevant support and case management services to young people ages 15 to 24 who have violence charges against them in the juvenile or adult legal system.



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Grants Awarded for Violence Reduction IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

Anti-Drug & Alcohol Crusaders, Inc	\$169,000
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	\$1,927,759
Drexel University	\$1,202,167
U Penn - Ctr on Treatment & Study of Anxiety	\$1,517,546
U Penn - Injury Science Center	\$2,332,070
U Penn - Penn Trauma	\$1,914,438
YEAH Philly	\$500,000



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Grants Awarded for local infrastructure projects IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY

\$1 million
Cedar Ave Public Health Campus
\$500,000
Kingsessing Recreation Center Ballfields
\$250,000
The Woodlands Cemetery



Infrastructure

- \$1 million to PIDC Financing Corporation on behalf of the Public Health Management Corporation to upgrade the Public Health Campus on Cedar's parking garage.
- \$500,000 to the City of Philadelphia for the construction of a sports field at the corner of Kingsessing Avenue and South 49th Street.
- \$250,000 to PIDC Financing Corporation on behalf of The Woodlands Cemetery Co. of Philadelphia for renovating a historic building at The Woodlands.

EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT



Shredding Event Recap

On May 7, I hosted a free shredding event with Councilmember Jamie Gauthier at Benjamin B. Comegys School. We saw a great turnout of constituents who had paper documents they wanted to get rid of, and we provided them a safe way to do so. We host shredding events seasonally, so stay tuned for when we schedule our next event.



Workers take on the University of Pennsylvania

This winter and spring, West Philly saw a wave of workers coming together and demanding fair treatment from their employers. We've been supporting four different unionization and contract bargaining efforts at the University of Pennsylvania. Workers deserve to have the resources that they need to care for themselves and be effective in their jobs. When workers are cared for, they're better able to care for themselves and our communities.

- Residents and fellows at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania just voted with 90% support to unionize with CIR/SEIU! They are now working towards their first contract.
- Resident assistants and graduate resident assistants organizing with OPEIU Local 153 are seeking a union election.
- Graduate and undergraduate students who teach and do research and who are organizing with GET-UP UAW are seeking union recognition with Members of AFSCME DC47.
- Local 397 working at Penn Museum are bargaining for their first contract.

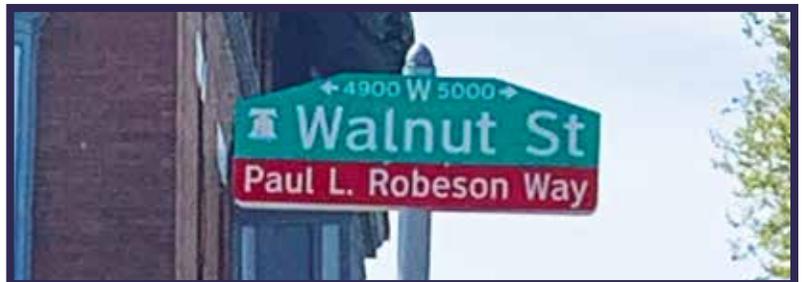
Expungement Clinic Recap

On March 25, I hosted an expungement clinic at Christy Recreation Center, where my staff and I were able to help individuals with minor, non-violent offenses remove them from their records. We had a terrific turnout and were able to help many take that step forward toward a better life. A single mistake shouldn't determine the rest of your life, but having a record can impact access to jobs, housing, and participating as a full member of society. Everyone deserves a second chance, and I was proud to help provide the resources for all who showed up.



Paul Robeson Street Renaming Ceremony

On April 14, I had the honor to be part of a ceremony where we renamed a part of Walnut Street after Paul Robeson, now called Paul Robeson Way. He was an artist, actor, athlete, and leader ahead of his time. He was a titan who demonstrated courage and conviction in his beliefs. A radical activist who organized for workers in America and beyond, it was wonderful to pay homage to him. We must stay committed to the values he displayed of community, solidarity and joy.



Safe Air for Lea Elementary School

While we fight for funding for our facilities, our neighborhood schools need action now. On April 29th, I partnered with the principal and parents at Lea Elementary School, along with Philly DSA to assemble Corsi-Rosenthal Air Filters for the classrooms at Lea. These air filters are a low-cost, high-efficiency solution that will provide clean, fresh air for all the children learning at Lea Elementary School.

SAFE AIR

for LEA SCHOOL

More than half of Lea's classrooms have no ventilation. We can't wait for a building upgrade - **our kids deserve clean air now.** The Lea community is building safe and effective DIY air filters (Corsi-Rosenthal boxes) which filter up to 600 cubic feet per minute of classroom air.

STATE PROGRAMS

Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program

Applications are now open for rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2022. The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is for residents who are 18+ and permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+. The income limit for homeowners is \$35,000 a year and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

The deadline to apply is June 30. For more information and to apply, you can contact my office or visit revenue.pa.gov/ptrr.

**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 SSI, W2s, etc.)
- HOMEOWNERS**
✓ Copies of all paid tax bills
- RENTERS**
✓ Signed form from the landlord

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&
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for renters

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Whole Home Repairs Program

WHOLE HOME REPAIRS

In Philadelphia, Whole Home Repair funds are being administered through programs at the Philadelphia Housing Development Corp.

Eligibility for Homeowners:

- ✓ Earning up to 60% of the area median income.
- ✓ Additional funding may be leveraged to make homes healthy, safe, and energy efficient.

Eligibility for Landlords:

- ✓ Own 5 properties or less.
- ✓ Funds are distributed through the Rental Improvement Fund (RIF) program

Funds Must Address:

- ✶ Habitability concerns
- ✶ Energy or water efficiency improvements
- ✶ Accessibility for persons with disabilities

Find out your eligibility for all PHDC programs.
Fill out the Housing Benefits Tool at phdcphila.org

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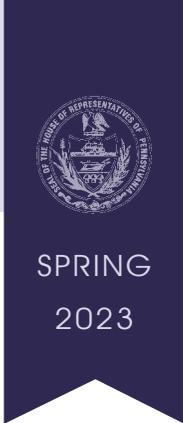
Last year, I proudly worked with my colleague state Sen. Nikil Saval to include this program in the state budget, and it happened. This program should be beneficial to working families in our community and across the commonwealth! We've seen a high level of demand already, so I'll continue to fight for recurring funding for the program in this year's budget cycle.

For more information, to see if you qualify, and to apply, visit <https://dphousingbenefits.phdcphila.org/#/>.



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How can my office help you?

- ➔ Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- ➔ PennDOT services, such as car registrations, handicap placards or titles
- ➔ Unemployment Compensation issues
- ➔ Voter registration and absentee/mail-in ballot applications
- ➔ Birth and death certificates
- ➔ Problems with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- ➔ Pennsylvania income tax questions
- ➔ Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- ➔ Consumer complaints
- ➔ Notary services for state documents
- ➔ PACE cards for senior citizens
- ➔ Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications

Any other question about state government!