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Hello Neighbors, Community Members and Friends,

I hope your 2022 is off to a good start! I am very excited about serving as your state representative. After taking the oath of office in December, I have been assigned to four committees: Children & Youth, Education, Local Government and Transportation. I am your voice in Harrisburg, and I will fight for legislation that protects and benefits the communities in the 164th Legislative District. In this newsletter, you will find important information about redrawn legislative districts, including changes that may be coming to the 164th. I also have included important resources and information about

programs my office can help with. I encourage you to call or email my office if you have any questions or need any help with state-related issues. My district office is in the Barclay Square Shopping Center at 1500 Garrett Road in Upper Darby Township (next to the Wine and Spirits).

In service,

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New Legislative Districts

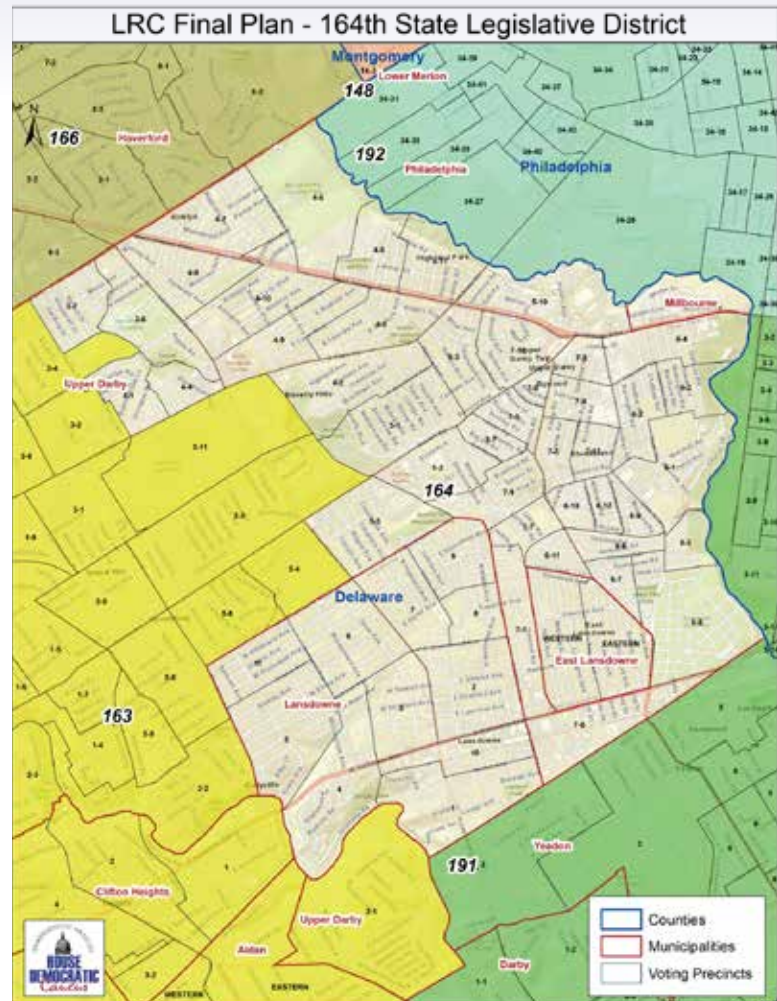
Every 10 years, following the U.S. Census, the boundaries of Pennsylvania's state House and Senate districts are redrawn to maintain equal representation based on population – to ensure that everyone's vote counts equally.

Pennsylvania's state House of Representatives and Senate districts are drawn by a Legislative Reapportionment Commission, as required by the Pennsylvania state constitution. Pennsylvania is divided into 50 Senate and 203 House of Representatives seats.

The commission consists of five members: the four caucus floor leaders and a chairman to be selected by those members or, if they cannot reach agreement, by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

The Pennsylvania constitution requires that districts be composed of compact and contiguous territory of nearly equal population. It also stipulates that no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward should be divided unless absolutely necessary.

The Legislative Reapportionment Commission voted to approve final maps (shown here) on February 4, 2022. As of this writing, the state Supreme Court is hearing challenges to these maps. Once certified by the court, these new final maps will be used for state representatives and senators in the next legislative session.



To learn more, visit the commission's website at www.redistricting.state.pa.us

Helping Health Care Workers

Act 2 was signed into law in January 2022. It will deliver \$225 million in federal American Rescue Plan funding to help nurses and health care workers across Pennsylvania.

- \$100 million will be distributed to hospitals to provide much needed retention and recruitment funds for direct care staff.
- \$110 million will be given to hospitals that provide behavioral health services, serve a high amount of medical assistance clients, or are in some of the most rural parts of the commonwealth, so they too can retain and recruit the staff they need.
- \$15 million to increase the funds available for the Student Loan Relief for Nurses program.

Need Help with Water Bills?

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills.

Crisis grants may be available for situations such as past-due water bills, termination of service or danger of having service terminated. Those eligible could receive one crisis grant for drinking water service and one crisis grant for wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Visit dhs.pa.gov/WaterHelp for information about eligibility and applications.

Affordable Prescriptions for Seniors

Older Pennsylvanians living on fixed incomes should never have to choose between affording medicine and affording food or rent or heat. Pennsylvania's prescription assistance programs for older adults, PACE and PACENET, offer low-cost prescription medication to qualified

residents, age 65 and older.

In December, Governor Wolf signed Acts 92 & 94, which ensures enrollees maintain their PACE benefits despite increases in their overall income due to Social Security cost-of-living adjustments and raises the income limits for PACENET to

\$33,500 for a single person and to \$41,500 for a married couple.

My office is ready to assist with applications and answer any questions you may have about the program.

To find out more visit www.aging.pa.gov or call my office.

Home Heating Assistance Available

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps families pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat may also qualify for crisis grants.

The cash grant is a one-time payment sent directly to the utility company/fuel provider to be credited on your bill. These grants, which do not have to be repaid, range from \$500 to \$1,500 based on household size, income, and fuel type. You can apply online using COMPASS, or my office can provide a paper application and help filling it out. For more information, please visit: www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx.



Property Tax/Rent Rebate 2021

You can now file your 2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application. The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 and older; widows and widowers 50 and older; and people with disabilities 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates for qualifying homeowners can boost rebates to \$975. My staff is ready and willing to help you fill out your application! To learn more about filing an application, please contact my office at 610-259-7016. Applications can also be filed online at www.revenue.pa.gov.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

for residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+



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



\$35,000
maximum household income*

*for homeowners
\$15,000 maximum for renters

ON SOCIAL SECURITY?
Half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility.

Working for You!



On December 13, I took the oath of office, alongside my family, to serve as your state representative.



Citation presentation to Rabiul Chowdhury who founded MAI (Muslim Aid Initiative). He has worked endlessly with his partners across various areas in the commonwealth on vaccine distribution.



Increasing Participation in Academia Policy Hearing held at State College.



Successful Blood Drive event at East Lansdowne Borough Hall with state Sen. Tim Kearney.



I met PA Acting Secretary of Health, Keara Klinepeter at the COVID drive up testing site held at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.



Rep. Mike Zabel and I proudly hosted a Shredding and Safety event at Upper Darby High School.



I joined my colleagues at a news conference to discuss prison reform.



I served on the Escort Committee during Gov. Tom Wolf's final budget address.





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Upcoming Events

<p>Senior Rent/Tax Rebate Event Wednesday, March 16 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Simpson Gardens (Simpson Gardens Residents Only)</p>	<p>Inspi-HER'd Girls Youth Event Save the date! Saturday, May 14 Details to Come</p>	<p>Youth Job Fair Saturday, April 2 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Lansdowne YMCA 2110 Garrett Road</p>
<p>Open House Saturday, April 9 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Barclay Square Shopping Center 1500 Garrett Road</p>		<p>Senior Breakfast Save the date! Thursday, April 21 Details to Come</p>

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How can my office help you?

- ➔ Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- ➔ PennDOT services, such as car registrations, disability parking placards or titles
- ➔ Unemployment Compensation issues
- ➔ Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- ➔ Birth and death certificates
- ➔ Problems with the Department of Human Services (food, 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!