

# HELLO NEIGHBOR,

It's safe to say that 2022 has been a very busy year, filled with plenty of ups and plenty of downs. We passed a budget that had many positives such as historic education funding and the Whole-Home Repairs Program, for which I sponsored legislation. We also saw Republicans push to infringe on birthing people's reproductive rights and reject any legislation my Democratic colleagues and I have put forth to address gun violence. During this year, I introduced many pieces of legislation to address the most urgent issues in our district and across the commonwealth. In the district, we held many events to bring folks from the district together and provided many services to constituents at our district office. As we prepare for 2023 and begin a new legislative term, I am committed to serving you and uplifting our community. Before that, let's look back at 2022.

*Welcome to the*  
**188th Legislative District**



Legend:  
□ Current Constituents  
■ New Constituents

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Every 10 years, the state updates the district maps to match the current demographic and population trends of Pennsylvania. Our district had some changes, as seen in this map. To the staying constituents, I look forward to continuing to represent you and hope to build on any relationship I've fostered with you. To the new constituents, I hope to get to meet you and look forward to being your state representative. You are always welcome to contact



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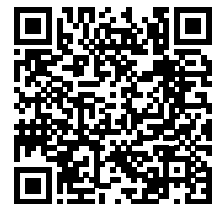
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my office. To keep up to date on what's going on in Harrisburg and our district, you can visit my website, follow me on social media, sign up for my emails or check out my YouTube playlist. You can watch videos from my playlist using the QR code.



# BRINGING FUNDING TO DISTRICT

Throughout the year, I was proud to bring OVER \$10 MILLION in state grants back to our district. Whether it's for redevelopment projects, green spaces or recreation centers, I will always fight to ensure our community is receiving the funds it needs to improve recreational areas and the overall quality of life. Below is a list of grants awarded in the 188th District.

- ▶ Christy Recreation Center - \$2,750,000
- ▶ The Monell Chemical Senses Center - \$1,000,000
- ▶ PHMC Public Health Campus on Cedar - \$4,440,000
- ▶ Kingsessing Recreation Center - \$900,000
- ▶ The Woodlands Cemetary - \$250,000
- ▶ AHARI – A Home Is A Right, Inc. - \$180,000
- ▶ cineSPEAK – \$100,000
- ▶ Kingsessing Library - \$60,000
- ▶ Neighborhood Gardens Trust - \$200,000



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**RACP GRANT APPROVED FOR CHRISTY REC CENTER**

**\$2.75 Million**

The project will renovate the existing Recreation Center building and grounds, including ADA access to and throughout the facility. The facility will become more accessible, better lit, greener, with better lines of sight, more efficient use of interior and exterior spaces, better, newer equipment for users of all ages, and more places to sit, eat, play, and recreate.

Is your organization searching for funding to advance your project goals? Reach out to my office and we can assist with identifying and supporting opportunities.

## CONSTITUENTS SERVED

Part of my role as state representative is to provide state services to you, and it is my favorite part of this job. It is always great to be able to help constituents, whether it's signing up for state programs, receiving financial assistance or hearing your ideas to make our district a better place to live. I always value and cherish my interactions with you. This year, I was proud to serve:

**4,398 CONSTITUENTS**

I look forward to continuing my service to you in the upcoming year and term.

## WHOLE-HOME REPAIRS ADMINISTRATOR SELECTION PROCESS

In July, Governor Tom Wolf signed into law the Whole-Home Repairs Act! This legislation, which I championed along with Senator Nikil Saval and Representative Sara Innamorato, creates a one-stop shop for home repairs and weatherization while building out our local workforce and adding new family-sustaining jobs in the growing field. In November, the Department of Community and Economic Development finalized the regulations which will dictate how the funds will be distributed to counties and, ultimately, to homeowners like yourself. The City of Philadelphia is in the final stages of selecting the administrator for Philadelphia County. Stay tuned in the new year for who they've selected and how to apply.



**WHOLE HOME REPAIRS**

Awards funds to governmental and nonprofit entities to distribute to qualifying homeowners and landlords

**Eligibility for Homeowners:**

- ✔ Earning up to 80% of the area median income.
- ✔ Eligible for grant up to \$50K

**Eligibility for Landlords:**

- ✔ Own 5 properties or less.
- ✔ Eligible for loan up to \$50K with rent charging restrictions

**Funds Must Address:**

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

**WHOLE HOME REPAIRS**

# POLICY UPDATES

This year, I've been working on legislation and with the Department of Health to ensure that minors can access their birth certificates without a parent or guardian. I'm thrilled to announce that those changes are finalized. In October, we announced with the Secretary of Health, Dr. Denise Johnson, that youth 16 and older can apply for a birth certificate without a parent or guardian. See the graphics below for further details about how to apply, fee waivers and applications specific to youth in the juvenile justice system, foster care or experiencing homelessness.



The Department of Health now allows for youth **16 and older** to apply in-person or mail for their birth certificate without a parent or guardian. In addition...



The application **fee is waived** for individuals experiencing homelessness, and those who are, or recently were, involved in **foster care or juvenile justice**. Additionally...



A special application for a Birth Certificate is available for Foster and Juvenile Justice-Involved Individuals between **16-24 years of age**



To apply: **health.pa.gov/topics**  
Click "Certificates and Records" and then "Forms"



## KRASNER IMPEACHMENT UPDATE

In Harrisburg throughout the year, many of my Republican colleagues have attempted to impeach Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. Unfortunately, in November we voted on the House Floor on Krasner's impeachment. While I voted against impeachment, the Republican majority votes were enough for him to be impeached by the state House. However, he is not removed from his office as Philadelphia District Attorney.

They make claims that he is to blame for the high levels of gun violence and crime in our city. We all know about the devastating acts of gun violence that are taking far too many lives in our city. But the truth is, there are many ways to resolve this issue. We could pass gun safety legislation, provide funding to our schools,

provide resources to our communities, address poverty and so much more. However, none of my Republican colleagues who impeached Krasner seem interested in anything like that.

The House and Senate are moving forward with a hearing regarding his removal which may begin in January. However, District Attorney Krasner has challenged the legitimacy of the impeachment in court.

As we enter a new legislative term, I can assure you that my Democratic colleagues and I will push for the changes that need to be made at the grassroots level to improve our community and keep us safe from further gun violence.

# OUR OFFICE CAN HELP!

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

The PA Treasury has millions of dollars in unclaimed property, and some of it could be yours. You can contact my office to find out more information and identify what you're able to claim. **So far, we've found over \$13,000 worth of unclaimed property for constituents!**

**Search here:** [unclaimedproperty.patreasury.gov/en/Property/SearchIndex](https://unclaimedproperty.patreasury.gov/en/Property/SearchIndex)

## LIHEAP


As we enter the winter months, it is important to keep your home warm, and LIHEAP can help. LIHEAP is a program that helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Contact my office to see if you qualify and to apply.

## PROPERTY TAX/ RENT REBATE

The deadline to apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is December 31. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get a rebate on property taxes or rent paid in 2021. If you apply by the deadline and qualify, you will receive a one-time bonus rebate. Contact my office for any help applying.

## REAL ID DEADLINE EXTENSION

The federal REAL ID enforcement date has been pushed back two years. Beginning May 7, 2025, every air traveler 18 and older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver's license or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel.



**Claim What is Yours**  
Search PA's Unclaimed  
Property Database

**NEED ENERGY ASSISTANCE?**

# LIHEAP

{ LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM }

**2022-2023 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**



### PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

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

Application Deadline: **December 31, 2022**

- 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** household income for homeowners & **\$15,000** household income for renters

For those on Social Security, half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility



### NEW federal REAL ID enforcement date



**May 7, 2025**



# DISTRICT EVENTS

## SHREDDING EVENT RECAP

In November, my staff and I held our second shredding event of the year where we gave constituents the option to bring paper documents they no longer needed or wanted to be shredded. It was a successful event, with many constituents coming out to shred documents and learn about state services my office can provide.



## BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

Before the children of our district returned to school for the year, my office held a backpack giveaway. We distributed 150 backpacks at this event. Education is the building block of our children's future, and it is important that we provide them with the best resources and materials to receive a quality education.



## ON YOUR PORCH

Every summer, I hold my annual "On Your Porch" series, where I visit porches of our constituents to discuss state services my office can provide, legislation we're working on in Harrisburg and how I am fighting to improve the quality of life in our district.

The events we had this past summer went great, as I got to speak with many constituents about all I'm doing and listen to some of your concerns and ideas to improve the quality of life here in West Philly.

I will be again hosting On Your Porch in the summer of 2023. I am looking for 6 – 8 volunteers to host these events on your porch, sidewalk or backyard. If you're interested, you can sign-up by emailing or calling my office.



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## How can my office help you?

- ➔ Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- ➔ PennDOT services, such as car registrations, handicapped placards or titles
- ➔ Unemployment Compensation issues
- ➔ Voter registration and absentee 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!**