

THE POLICY RECAP

A Summary of House Democratic Policy Committee Meetings.....January 30 – February 1, 2018

House Democrats have a Plan4PA, a new way forward that puts people first with good jobs, quality schools and fair taxes. The House Democratic Policy Committee held a series of hearings to further discuss the Plan4PA's focus on fair taxes, putting people first and good jobs.



Additional information about the Plan4PA is available at planforpa.pahouse.com.

Rep. Carolyn Comitta Child Care

West Chester | January 30

State Rep. Carolyn Comitta hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee roundtable discussion at the West Goshen Township Building on child care issues, such as affordability and accessibility, and her House Bill 2035, which would provide a tax deduction up to \$10,000 for the cost of child care.



Roundtable participants included:

- Andrea Youndt, senior vice president and chief operating officer, YMCA of Greater Brandywine; and
- Bill Shoffler, Bucks County Coordinator for PreK for PA Campaign and Campaign for Fair Education Funding, Public Citizens for Children and Youth.



Rep. Stephen Kinsey and Rep. Donna Bullock

Bullying Education

Philadelphia | January 31

State Reps. Stephen Kinsey and Donna Bullock hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee hearing at the First United Methodist Church of Germantown to address the bullying pandemic and their House Bill 2009 to require bullying education across all grade levels.

The committee heard testimony from:

- Amanda Rice, counselor, and Gesu Justice League students, Gesu School;
- Pamela Pendleton and Mark Smith, advocates;
- Melany Nelson, executive director, Northwest Victims Service;
- Victoria Greene, executive director, Every Murder is Real;
- Dr. Claudio Cerullo, founder and CEO, Teach Anti-Bullying, Inc.;
- Anthony Washington, police inspector, Philadelphia Police Department;
- Gaylen Conley, director of police operations, School District of Philadelphia;
- Sederia Brown, founder and CEO, Know 2 Bullying Coalition;
- Jeff Templeton, founder and executive director, Staying Positive Equals Amazing Kids;
- DeAngelo Harris and Drew Johnson, paralegals, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; and
- Roi Ligon, Jr., safe schools advocate, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.



Rep. Jared Solomon Landlord-Tenant Issues Philadelphia | February 1

State Rep. Jared Solomon hosted a House Democratic Policy Committee roundtable discussion at the Philadelphia Protestant Home. Legislators and panelists discussed how to clarify landlord-tenant relationships to ensure that both parties are aware of their rights, responsibilities and obligations, and to understand how absentee landlords can be held accountable for maintenance of their properties.

Discussion participants included:

- Rebecca Corcoran Swanson, planning director, City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections;
- Phil Lord, executive director, Tenant Union Representative Network;
- Christine Young Gertz, director of government affairs, Pennsylvania Apartment Association-East;
- Tom Gilles, board of directors member for Diversified Investors Group and member of Pennsylvania Residential Owners Association;
- George Donnelly, Langer, Grogan & Diver social justice fellow, The Public Interest Law Center;
- George Gould, senior attorney, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia; and
- Paul Cohen, attorney and founding partner, Cohen, Willwerth & Marraccini.



Visit www.pahouse.com/policycommittee for hearing testimony, video and photos.



About the House Democratic Policy Committee

Rep. Mike Sturla is chair of the House Democratic Policy Committee. The Policy Committee holds public hearings and meetings across the state, and serves as the catalyst to enacting major policy initiatives put forth by members of the House Democratic Caucus.

You can find details about upcoming hearings, hearing testimony from previous hearings and Chairman Sturla's Policy Point of the Day by visiting www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee.

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