

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

# Austin Davis

## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

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**Dear Neighbor,**

On January 23, a special election was held to fill the vacant seat for state representative in the 35<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. I am honored to have been elected as your representative and humbled to be able to serve you.

As your state representative, I will be in Harrisburg advocating for issues that are important to you and your families. I hope that you will all get to know me and the services my offices can provide.

As a lifelong resident of McKeesport, I knew from a very young age that I wanted to dedicate my life and career to public service. While attending McKeesport Area High School, I started to fulfill this goal by founding and serving as Chairman of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council under McKeesport Mayor James Brewster.

After graduating from high school, I attended the University of Pittsburgh, where I obtained my degree in political science. I also had the opportunity to work for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives as a legislative intern.

In 2012, I was hired as an executive assistant to the Allegheny County Executive and worked there for six years, until being elected as your state representative. Currently, I am an active member on several boards, including the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, the Consortium for Public Education, and Community in Schools — a group dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life.

A little fun fact about me is that I am a newlywed, to my beautiful wife Blayre.

During my time in the General Assembly, my primary goal will be to focus on issues that are important to you and your families, such as jobs, public safety, education, transportation and protecting our seniors. My pledge is to represent you well in Harrisburg and to assist you with your state-related needs.

### MY STAFF AND I STAND READY TO HELP YOU AT MY THREE DISTRICT OFFICES:

**WHITE OAK OFFICE**

1540 Lincoln Way  
White Oak, PA 15131  
(412) 664-0035

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
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**MUNHALL OFFICE**

3910 Main St.  
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Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**CLAIRTON OFFICE**

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Hours: Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or my staff for help with any state issue or problem.

Again, I look forward to serving as your state representative. Together, we will move the Mon Valley forward!

Yours in Service,





# AN EXCITING DAY – AND A SOLEMN HONOR

Monday, February 5, was an exciting day in Harrisburg. I was honored to officially become a member of the General Assembly and to be sworn in as your state representative. During the ceremony, I was joined in the House chamber by my colleagues, family, friends and constituents as Judge David Spurgeon, fellow lifelong Mon Valley resident

and McKeesport High School graduate, administered the oath of office. Once the oath was administered, I was overwhelmed with enthusiasm by the wonderful remarks and advice that my colleagues offered me. I was then able to take my seat in the chamber and begin to advocate for issues important to you and your family.



My wife, Blayre, held the Bible as I took the oath.



With my family and Judge Spurgeon (far right) who conducted my oath of office.



With my lovely wife, Blayre.



Proud to stand with friends and colleagues, Sen. Brewster (left) and Judge Spurgeon.



I'm so glad my family and friends were there to share one of the most memorable days of my life.



Welcomed by my colleague Rep. Jason Dawkins.



With my family, friends and colleagues in the House chamber.



# A LOOK AT MY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

There are 27 standing committees in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Committees typically review a bill before it is brought to the House chamber for a vote. Members are appointed based on their expertise in specific areas, such as commerce, insurance and transportation, to name a few.

## I have been appointed to serve on the following committees:

- **AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS:** This committee focuses on legislation that works to alleviate poverty and create fresh food initiatives.
- **COMMERCE:** This committee focuses primarily on legislation that expands jobs, businesses and trade.
- **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY:** This committee works primarily with legislation that expands energy resources such as shale energy while also ensuring that the environment is not harmed.
- **GAME AND FISHERIES:** This committee reviews legislation dealing with licensure and works to expand gaming and fishing in Pennsylvania.



# SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET ADDRESS

On Tuesday, February 6, Governor Tom Wolf gave his annual budget address. The governor discussed the proposed budget’s goals of building a workforce and growing the economy, promoting 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs and skills, raising Pennsylvania’s competitiveness, investing in job-creation programs and protecting our most vulnerable citizens. I think it is important to understand how the proposals can help Pennsylvania move forward, so I would like to discuss some highlights from the governor’s address.

When discussing the notion of growing the workforce and building the economy, the governor addressed continuing investments in education and workforce development. The budget proposal includes an additional \$225 million to improve education for every student across the state, regardless of ZIP code. I was encouraged to hear the governor propose funding that could benefit our district’s schools across the board.

The proposed budget also calls for a \$50 million investment in workforce development programs, including the launch of PAsmart — a workforce development initiative aimed at helping Pennsylvanians obtain career-training and job resources. The proposed funding

includes a \$25 million increase in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and computer science-related education. Additional funding would expand apprenticeships and industry partnerships and further develop career and technical education. I support this funding as an investment that will help Pennsylvanians obtain the skills they need to compete in the job market.

To make Pennsylvania more competitive, Gov. Wolf discussed increasing the minimum wage to \$12 per hour, a proposal he estimates would reduce human services costs by \$100 million by adding money to the pockets of working families struggling to make ends meet. I agree that by increasing the minimum wage, we will be able to reduce the number of individuals who receive assistance from the Department of Human Services. This will ultimately lead to savings for taxpayers.

Additionally, the governor addressed how his proposed budget would continue to protect our most vulnerable citizens. The budget would continue funding for programs to target the opioid abuse epidemic. Other proposals provide for an additional \$74 million for services for individuals

with intellectual disabilities and autism, and new steps to enroll special education students who are transitioning to adult services in June 2019.

I agree with Gov. Wolf that we have a lot of work ahead of us but that we are continuing to write a new story.

I look forward to working with the governor and with all of my colleagues in the General Assembly to make you proud to call Pennsylvania your home.





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## MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVE!

Would you like to meet me and learn more about the services my offices can provide? Join me and my staff for the following meet-and-greet events. Please note that the Munhall event will be held in the suite next to my regular office.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21  
5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28  
5 P.M. TO 7 P.M.**

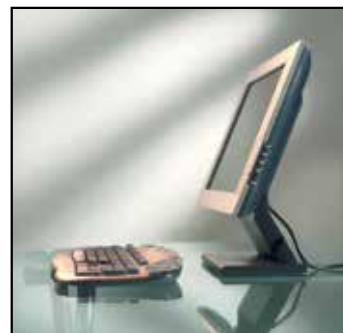
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Also, you can reach me on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RepAustinDavis](http://www.facebook.com/RepAustinDavis) and Twitter by visiting [@RepAustinDavis](https://twitter.com/RepAustinDavis).



## MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Birth and death certificates
- Problems with the departments of Health and Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies
- Requests for literature, including bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps and senior citizen information
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Complaints or questions about utilities
- Complaints and problems with insurance companies
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Problems or questions about the state lottery
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems