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**OUR OFFICE IS
NOW OPEN**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY
8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

- Appointments only needed for Property Tax/Rent Rebate assistance;
- Two constituents allowed inside at a time;
- Don't have a mask? Please call to receive service.

SUMMER 2020

Dear Neighbor,

As we find ourselves facing unprecedented times, I want to express how honored I am to be your state representative and to reassure you we are making major strides in our fight to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and conquer systematic racism.

After being closed because of the coronavirus, my district office is now back open to provide assistance safely.

Your commitment to wearing a mask and staying home has aided in flattening the curve, stopping the spread and saving lives.

Your dedication to marching peacefully and standing up against social injustice has gotten the attention of lawmakers.

In this newsletter, you'll read about the progress we helped create together to move Pennsylvania forward and learn about the resources available to help you and your family.

Sincerely,

Rep. Joanna E. McClinton



House unanimously passes critical police reform legislation

Your voices are being heard in Harrisburg! I proudly joined the House in unanimously passing bills aimed at helping police departments ensure accountability and transparency from within, while strengthening their relationship with the communities they serve.

Fighting to enact change

As a member of the Police Reform Working Group, I joined state and local elected officials in Philadelphia to lay out plans to help stop our communities of color from being constant victims of targeted violence at the hands of police.

Our proposals include: outlawing the use of chokeholds or any other action that constricts an airway by law enforcement; ending stop and frisk policies that disproportionately target Black and Brown communities; and creating a deputy inspector general at the state level to root out misconduct, brutality, waste, fraud and abuse within law enforcement agencies, which Gov. Tom Wolf supports.



Police Reforms Pass PA House UNANIMOUSLY

MANDATORY sharing of employment records for law enforcement so municipalities can make fully-informed hiring decisions

MANDATORY training for police in:

- Recognizing + reporting child abuse
- Interacting with people of diverse racial, ethnic + economic backgrounds
- Use of force
- De-escalation and harm reduction techniques
- Instruction in community + cultural awareness
- Implicit bias
- Procedural justice + reconciliation techniques
- Trauma-informed care + recognizing PTSD

MANDATORY evaluation of police for PTSD within 30 days of use of lethal force or if recommended by supervisor or chief

Both bills passed the Senate and were sent to the governor for his signature. As the first African American woman to serve as the House Democratic Caucus Chair, I will continue working to enact real reforms that our brothers and sisters need now more than ever.

Delco creates Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform

Along with Philadelphia, I am also working to bridge the divide between police and communities in Darby and Yeadon as a member of Delaware County's Task Force on Criminal Justice Reform.

I stood alongside this collaborative group, which was created by Delaware County District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer and County Council, to address the need to take measures that help prevent tragedies like Breonna Taylor and George Floyd from happening in Delco.



\$495,000 grant for William Penn School District

In February, I announced a \$495,000 state grant to help improve safety in the William Penn School District.

The funds went toward various security measures, including emergency preparedness procedures and violence prevention. We must ensure our children receive a quality education in a safe learning environment.

Students have their whole lives in front of them, and I will continue working to secure state funds to help protect their future.

Get free assistance with your Property Tax/Rent Rebate

Forms for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for the 2019 tax year are available – and my office staff is ready to help you file yours for free!

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded, and the maximum standard rebate is \$650.

Spouses, personal representatives or estates may file rebate claims on behalf of deceased claimants who lived at least one day in 2019 and meet all other eligibility criteria.

Thanks to a new state law, the Department of Revenue started distributing rebates earlier this year. So, the sooner you file, the sooner you can receive your money.

You have until Dec. 31, 2020 to apply. Contact my office if you need help.



Here to serve you
and your family



📞 247

Constituent
Calls

369

Voicemails
Received

👉 97

Seniors/Volunteers
Contacted

Virtual Events Attended



213

Feedback
Emails Received



81

Virtual Town
Hall RSVPs

1,007

TOTAL

24



Small Business Relief
for those impacted
by COVID-19



\$100 million for small (25 or fewer employees, less than \$1 million in revenue), main street businesses that were hurt because of COVID-19



\$100 million for historically disadvantaged businesses

• For PA businesses with 25 or fewer employees and which are owned, managed, and operated by those in socially & economically disadvantaged groups.

New grants available for small businesses

Small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic should apply for this relief funding.

The program offers grants of up to \$50,000 to eligible businesses and will be distributed by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

There will be multiple application windows in the process. For more information, you can contact our office or go to pabusinessgrants.com.

My office can also help you apply for/connect you with:

- Traditional unemployment benefits
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
- Rent/Mortgage Assistance
- Free food distribution sites

Protecting Ourselves from COVID-19 Means Masking Up, Reopening Safely



Pa. Dept. of Health reports a decline in COVID-19 cases since April.

Thanks to your commitment and sacrifice, Philadelphia has made major progress in flattening the curve and stopping the spread of the coronavirus.

Gov. Tom Wolf moved Philly into the Green Phase of his COVID-19 reopening plan, but our communities are following the city's Reopening with Care strategy.

While certain restrictions have been lifted, our work to combat this deadly illness is not over yet.

To help prevent a resurgence of cases, Mayor Jim Kenney signed a Mandatory Mask Order in June requiring masks be worn in any indoor public spaces and outdoors if there is less than six feet between people from different households. Exceptions have been made for children under eight years old and those with a medical condition.



Wearing a mask along with social distancing and practicing good hygiene are critical steps in protecting each other and reopening our economy safely.

With information constantly changing, make sure to sign up to receive my email updates to help ensure you have the latest COVID-19 developments.



Securing school equipment for students and providing protective gear for our wisest neighbors

I teamed up with the nonprofit NERDiT Now and West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative in April to provide 100 donated Chromebook laptops to help students in the District 1199 Training Fund Program continue learning during the coronavirus pandemic.



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I worked with donors in Taiwan to secure more than 1,000 protective masks for residents at Walnut Park Plaza in Cobbs Creek (left).



It shouldn't take a pandemic to address societal inequality

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Delco reaches Green Phase of COVID-19 reopening plan

Southeast Region
Moving from Yellow to Green on June 26
(Seaboard County moved to Green on June 27)

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions:

- Continued Telework Strongly Encouraged;
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Updated Business and Building Safety Requirements;
- All Businesses Operating at 50% Occupancy in the Yellow Phase May Increase to 75% Occupancy;
- Child Care May Open Complying with Guidance;
- Congregate Care Restrictions in Place;
- Prisons and Hospital Restrictions Determined by Individual Facilities;
- Schools Subject to CDC and Commonwealth Guidance.

Social Restrictions:

- Large Gatherings of More Than 250 Prohibited;
- Restaurants and Bars Open at 50% Occupancy;
- Personal Care Services (including hair salons and barbershops) Open at 50% Occupancy and by Appointment Only;
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities, and Personal Care Services (such as gyms and spas) Open at 50% Occupancy with Appointments Strongly Encouraged;
- All Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters, and shopping malls) Open at 50% Occupancy. Construction Activity May Return to Full Capacity with Continued Implementation of Protocols.

Here are the safety guidelines outlined for Delco as of June 26.

Thanks to your commitment and sacrifice, Delaware County moved to the Green Phase of the governor’s COVID-19 reopening plan in June.

While certain restrictions have been lifted, Gov. Tom Wolf says wearing a mask is required when entering any business with the exception of young children and those with a medical condition.

MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME.

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I teamed up with Councilmember Jamie Gauthier to host a listening session with the top brass in law enforcement and our youngest constituents to talk about solutions to improving police-community relations.



In March, I participated in a panel discussion hosted by Committee of Seventy, Philly Counts and other advocates to discuss the need to end prison gerrymandering.

To celebrate Black History Month, I had the privilege of reading Grace For President to a group of bright minded students at Mastery Charter-Hardy Williams Campus.



I had the honor of working with Councilmember Jamie Gauthier to organize town hall meetings in West Philly to take questions and address the concerns from our neighbors in Cobbs Creek.



In February, I had the honor of presenting the 18th District Officer of the Month award to Ofc. Tamika Ross for her dedication to protecting and serving as an excellent beat officer on 60th St.



In April, I stopped by to help The Church of Christian Compassion CDC who worked with Philly to step up and provide food to our neighbors during COVID-19.



I proudly joined the Say Her Name march in West Philly to remember the sisters we've lost tragically, including Breonna Taylor and Dominique Remmie Fells, and demand justice for Black and Brown women everywhere.



Sen. Anthony Williams and I had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. Ala Stanford and the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium to the Church of Christian Compassion where the group offered free coronavirus tests to our neighbors.



I gladly helped cut the ribbon on the new Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic Mercy Senior Health Center on Market St. in March that now provides care in our communities.



Upper Darby Police Dept.'s first African American woman sergeant, Sgt. Laina Stevens, and I sat down with Penn Wood High School students to discuss their goals and aspirations for the future.

Left: While we don't lead or serve for applause or notoriety, Mr. Cakes and I were honored to be recognized in June by the 18th District Police Department for our commitment to improving our communities.

2020-21 State Budget Update

As Pennsylvania continues to prioritize public health and safety amid COVID-19, we passed an interim state budget in May in order to ensure that state investments in important things like public education, health care, human services and economic recovery are not disrupted.

This plan also included billions in federal funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, to go toward coronavirus relief efforts as well as programs to help combat food insecurity and to provide grants to small businesses.

This interim budget funds most government obligations through November, when we will have a clearer picture of the state's resources and can determine the commonwealth's economic needs moving forward.

You can count on me to bring you updates as they become available. In the meantime, you can review all budget materials online at www.pahouse.com/hacd.





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Preparing to Vote in November 3 Election

Your voice is needed now more than ever!

On Tuesday, November 3, voters will once again have the chance to let their voice be heard in the Presidential Election.

For the first time, Pennsylvanians had the opportunity to cast their ballot safely and securely by mail in the June primary, and you will have the opportunity to do the same in the General Election.

Remember, you do not need an excuse to vote by mail.

The last day to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 19, 2020.

You can find more information at votespa.com or reach out to my office for assistance.

Be counted, participate in the 2020 Census

If you live here, you need to be recognized!

The 2020 Census opens the door to billions in federal dollars that can go toward strengthening our schools, fixing our roads, protecting our seniors, funding our parks and growing our small businesses.

Participating is easier than ever. You can submit your questionnaire:

- Online at pa.gov/census.
- By phone daily from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m.: (844)-330-2020 (English); (844)-468-2020 (Spanish).
- By mail: return your questionnaire in the envelope you receive.