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## Getting a bipartisan budget passed

Last year, I became your State Representative in the middle of the longest budget impasse our Commonwealth has experienced. My colleagues and I worked together this year to pass a more timely budget, but we still have work to do.

I am pleased the 2016-17 state budget includes increases in funding for schools and human services and also helps to fight the state's heroin and opioid epidemic.

The spending plan specifically includes a \$250 million increase for pre-K through 12 education funding, including \$200 million for K-12, \$30 million for pre-kindergarten Head Start, and a \$20 million increase for special education. It also dedicated \$15 million to combat heroin and opioid addiction, including funds for emergency addiction treatment and behavioral health services.

While the budget does not include any broad-based tax increases, it relies heavily on revenue-generating options such as liquor modernization, expanded gaming, tobacco taxes, and new tax rules that treat books, movies and music downloads online the same as those purchased in stores.

## Powell Elementary fourth graders rally against gun violence

Last spring, I joined the fourth-grade classes at Powell Elementary School to help with their service project to end gun violence in their community.

I attended a student-led march in the neighborhood and welcomed the students to the state Capitol during a gun control rally for background checks. During their visit to the Capitol, the students met with other legislators and were introduced as guests on the floor by the Speaker of the House.

These students have been learning about gun violence in Philadelphia through a service-learning project with Need in Deed, a nonprofit that facilitates service learning in the classroom.







## Diaper Need Awareness

1 in 3 American families struggle with diaper need – not having enough diapers for their baby. My district office collected and distributed over 1,000 diapers and 2,000 wipes in 2015, and we hope to collect even more this year. You can help families in our district by dropping off donations of diapers and wipes at my office between Sept. 26 and Oct. 2.

## National Family Literacy Day

National Family Literacy Day is Nov. 1. Have you stopped by the district office library yet? Or have you seen our sidewalk book-giveaway table on a sunny day? My office accepts new and used book donations year-round to support our literacy programs in the community. Books are distributed to families, child care centers and community businesses throughout the district.



## Open House

The summer district office open house was a huge success. Constituents heard about pending legislation in Harrisburg and the services that are available at my office. Staff and representatives from other city and state agencies were on hand to answer questions. My office can help with unemployment, disability and workers' compensation issues, birth and death certificates, navigating the departments of Health and Human Services, voter registration and solving complaints or problems with insurance and utility companies.



## Burgers and Basketball Event

Men of the 195th District had a great time at the first Burgers and Basketball Event in celebration of Father's Day and Men's Health Week. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, and mentors had the opportunity to play pick-up games of basketball with some of the boys in the community and received information about their health. Afterwards, I shared a legislative update with the attendees over lunch.



# Pop-up Mobile Office Services

Pop-up mobile office services have been a big hit. My staff and I met with constituents throughout the district. The pop-up services can help constituents with any state-related service or issue such as Property Tax/Rent Rebates, birth and death certificates, LIHEAP (help with heating/cooling bills), PACE prescription-drug cards for seniors or issues with PennDOT or other state services.

My office has held more than a dozen pop-up mobile office locations since the spring. Here is the fall schedule for upcoming pop-up offices.

## SEPTEMBER 20

**12pm – 2pm**

Caring People Alliance  
3512 Haverford Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

## NOVEMBER 15

**12pm – 2pm**

Widener Library  
2808 W. Lehigh Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19132

## OCTOBER 11

**12pm – 2pm**

Nellie Reynolds Gardens  
2653 Glenwood Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19121

## DECEMBER 13

**12pm – 2pm**

Project HOME  
1515 Fairmount Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19130



## Bullock, Sturla co-hosted meeting on Fair Chance Housing

I, along with House Democratic Policy Chairman Mike Sturla, hosted a public hearing on my proposed Fair Chance Housing legislation, which would prohibit landlords from asking certain questions about a tenant's criminal background.

My legislation would model a recent policy change within the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that disregards criminal records as a condition for housing approval.

Rep. Sturla applauded my dedication to helping those looking to make a fresh start. He said access to housing is a basic need. Discriminating against people looking to get back on their feet and reintegrate into society only limits their options as they seek housing, employment and services.



## SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

I am co-sponsoring a resolution designating September as Hunger Action Month – a time to support your local food bank, community farm, or other organizations that address food insecurity in our community. 1 in 4 people in Philadelphia are at risk for hunger, and hunger does not discriminate.

Those dealing with hunger can be a family with children, a young veteran, or a senior. Together, we can make a difference through advocacy, donations, and volunteering. I look forward to working more with organizations like Philabundance to support its food bank programs and PCK Community Kitchen – a culinary job training program in the district.





## PEDAL FOR PEACE – Community Bike Ride

### Working to improve police community relations

From National Night Out to community events, my office and I are working closely with local law enforcement agencies to improve police community relations. In June, I partnered with Town Watch Integrated Services, the 22nd Police District, and other community partners to organize Pedal for Peace, a community bike ride through North Philadelphia. Join us for our second Pedal For Peace Ride on Saturday, Sept. 10. Start time is 9 a.m. at Mander Recreation Center, 33rd and Diamond. Call my district office for more details.



I helped students  
and parents  
plant a tree on  
Earth Day at  
Bache Martin  
Elementary  
School.

## SEPTA KEY Photo Event

Seniors came out to the MLK Senior Center to get their photo taken at our SEPTA KEY Photo Event. If you or an older adult you know need to take a photo for the new public transit system, please visit our office. We can take your photo on site.



During a tour of other legislative districts throughout the Commonwealth, my children and I joined Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford) and his children for a baseball outing. Building partnerships across the state and the aisle will help not only the constituents of the 195th District, but all Pennsylvanians.





I also met with Reps. Jake Wheatley (D-Pittsburgh) and Peter Schweyer (D-Allentown) to exchange ideas and see first-hand the issues affecting their communities.



I had a great conversation with the 2016 MET WorkReady students about their college and career goals at the Drexel University Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships.



I had the honor to participate in the unveiling of a plaque honoring the bravery and legacy of Hoseman James Magee who died in a five-alarm blaze more than 100 years ago.

Engine 45 at 26th and York was Hoseman Magee's home station, and where his widow served as a longtime volunteer matron.



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## Stay in the know!

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## Reminder from Rep. Bullock: Oct. 11 is the last day to register before Nov. 8 election

Your registration is not complete until processed and accepted by your county voter registration office.

To vote in the next election, you must complete your application by Oct. 11. Go to [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) to register to vote or make changes to your current registration.

For more information, call the Philadelphia voter registration office at 215-686-1591.



## My office can help you with:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Unemployment compensation problems
- Birth and death certificate applications
- Problems with Pennsylvania income taxes
- Problems with Department of Human Services (food stamps, welfare)
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Citations from Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishment and family milestones

## Any problem with state government!!

- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Consumer complaints
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability license plates and placards
- Assistance in getting and filling out state forms of all kinds, like PACE (pharmaceutical assistance for qualified senior citizens), voter registration, Property Tax/Rent Rebate (for qualified seniors), PHEAA (PA Higher Education Assistance), etc.
- Problems or questions about the state Lottery
- Local government officials' problems with state agencies