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Fellow Neighbor,

I am honored to serve as your state representative here in the 167th State House District. I am eager to connect with you, and help in any way I can.

Having raised seven kids, and having worked as an attorney and a child welfare investigator, I understand the needs of our kids and the struggles of an underserved population.

The health and well-being of our community is my top priority. I will work tirelessly on your behalf. I am here to serve.

I believe that quality schools are crucial to laying the groundwork for a successful future. This is a cornerstone of my legislative philosophy, and fuels my fight to improve state programs and funding in order to offer top quality education, health care and career opportunities for all, including two-income families and single mothers, whose life challenges I share.

As your state representative, I am dedicated to creating solutions to the problems faced by Chester County, and to making real, lasting changes.

Thank you,

Kristine C. Howard

The 167th district includes Charlestown, East Whiteland, Easttown, West Pikeland, West Whiteland, Willistown, and Malvern Borough.

Working for you in Harrisburg

The House has 24 standing committees, which allow legislators to assess and amend legislation and evaluate important issues before bringing bills to the full House for a vote. I was appointed to serve on the following committees:

- Children and Youth
- Finance
- Human Services

I've also joined the following caucuses, which are groups of legislators joined for a common cause:

- Arts and Culture Caucus
- BlueGreen Caucus (growing jobs through renewable energy and energy efficient measures)
- Cancer Caucus
- Climate Caucus
- Criminal Justice Reform Caucus
- Mental Health Caucus
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Caucus
- PA SAFE Caucus

Additionally, I serve on the House Democratic Policy Committee. I look forward to using these roles to serve your interests, and I'll keep you up to date on legislative news.

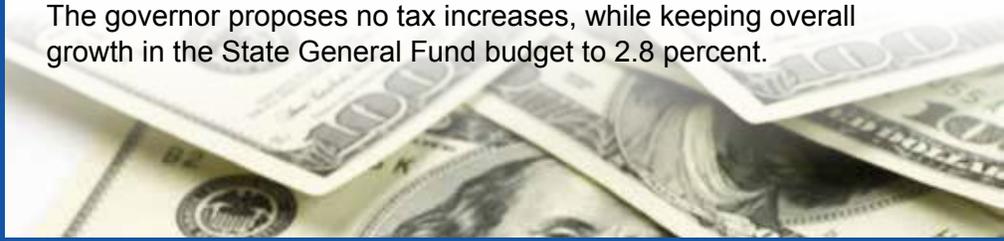
2019-20 budget discussions begin

Governor Tom Wolf proposed a budget for 2019-20 that makes significant investments in many key areas, including education and workforce development.

Over the past four years, Pennsylvania has created more than 12,000 new businesses and more than 239,000 new jobs.

To continue this trend, and to create the nation's strongest workforce, Gov. Wolf is introducing the Statewide Workforce, Education and Accountability Program (SWEAP), which will comprehensively address workforce needs from birth to retirement, drawing together education, workforce development, and human services.

The governor proposes no tax increases, while keeping overall growth in the State General Fund budget to 2.8 percent.



Attending the first meeting of the Mental Health Caucus.

My office can help you with:

- Birth certificate applications
- Pennsylvania income tax problems
- Problems with the Department of Human Services
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information, student aid information, etc.
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- Complaints about state road conditions
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding local accomplishments and family milestones
- Problems or questions about PennDOT
- Tours of the State Capitol for individuals or groups
- Disability plates and placards
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions

Any problem with state government!



Calling on state officials to investigate pipeline players

In January, in response to a large sinkhole in West Whiteland Township, I called on Attorney General Josh Shapiro and Auditor General Eugene DePasquale to investigate Sunoco's activities regarding the Mariner East 1 and 2 pipelines, and to audit the Public Utility Commission.

In the weeks following, Governor Wolf and the Department of Environmental Protection suspended review of permit applications and other pending approvals associated with the Energy Transfer and subsidiaries.

Read more on my website at www.pahouse.com/howard.

APPRISE offers help with Medicare

As of January 2019, Chester County has 86,866 residents receiving Medicare due to age (65 and over) or disability.

To help, the Chester County Department of Aging Services provides confidential, unbiased, and free Medicare and Medicaid counseling through Pennsylvania's APPRISE program. A "Medicare 101" presentation provided by an APPRISE counselor can help you understand when and how to enroll and your options for coverage in addition to basic Medicare.

Chester County APPRISE counseling is available at the West Whiteland Township building. The phone number is 610-344-6035.

APPRISE

Health Insurance Counseling
for Older Pennsylvanians

2018 Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications open

There is still plenty of time to file for a property tax or rent rebate for the 2018 tax year.

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 a year for renters. Half of Social Security is excluded, and the maximum standard rebate is \$650.

Applications are available online at www.revenue.pa.gov or by calling (888) 222-9190, or here at our district office. My staff is ready to help you file yours for free!

Listening Tour

I want to know more about the issues that matter to you. Join me from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on any of the following dates to voice your concerns.

- April 3:** Easttown Township Building
566 Beaumont Road
Devon
- April 11:** Charlestown Elementary School
2060 Charlestown Road
Malvern
- April 25:** West Pikeland Township Building
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs
- May 16:** Willistown Township Building
688 Sugartown Road
Malvern

If you missed our Malvern, East Whiteland or West Whiteland dates, please join us at any of the events above.





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Save the Dates!

Open Houses

Stop by to meet me and my staff, and learn more about the state services we offer. My office is in the Greentree Office Building at 40 Lloyd Ave., Suite 309, Malvern, PA 29355

Thursday, March 21

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Finding Shelter Animal Rescue will attend

Thursday, May 9

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SEPTA Senior Key Card Event

Sunday, May 5

1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Chester County Library –
Struble Room

450 Exton Square Pkwy.
Exton, PA 19341

Shredding Event

with Rep. Melissa Shusterman

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Penn State Great Valley
30 Swedesford Road
Malvern, PA 19355

Library Hours

In addition to regular hours at our office in Malvern, we also have auxiliary hours at libraries throughout the district.

Chester County Library – Every Monday
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Chester Springs Library – Every first Tuesday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Easttown Library – Every second Tuesday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Malvern Library – Every third Tuesday
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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