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Heading into 2021 with renewed purpose and direction

As we recently bid farewell to 2020, I wanted to review all that we accomplished together over the 2019-20 legislative term and look ahead toward work I will continue to do as your state representative in the new 2021-22 legislative term. Let's review the progress we have made, where we are now, and our priorities for the future.

Having first taken office in 2010, this new legislative term marks a new decade of service in the PA House for me. 2020 was obviously a difficult year for all of us, but through the strife, I never wavered in the fight to put your needs ahead of the politics in Harrisburg. Although Democrats remained the minority party representing Pennsylvania in its General Assembly, I am hopeful that change is still on its way and am proud to report that I was chosen by House Democratic Leader Joanna McClinton to help affect new, bold progress as the Democratic Minority Chairwoman of the House State Government Committee.

I'm pledging my continued advocacy and fierce determination to ensure that every Pennsylvanian's voice is heard in matters of representation – as adamantly as I have for more than a decade for Pennsylvania's 164th Legislative District here in Delaware County.

I am prepared to thoroughly evaluate and fight, if necessary, any redistricting plans – which are due this session – that gerrymander Pennsylvania's legislative districts into the hands of a single party's favor. Already, not a month into this session, we are fighting the majority party's overreach on multiple fronts but two stand out as egregious: 1) encumbering the Department of Health's praise-worthy effort to lead Pennsylvania on the road to recovery from Covid-19 and 2) a political scheme that seeks to essentially gerrymander our courts and create hyper-partisan elections for judges.

My legislative priorities this term are continuing my legacy of fighting for economic equality through investments in the communities that I serve as well as being a voice and a champion for those communities that are ignored and voiceless – I will be their voice. This includes continuing my work for the mental health community, children in foster care, youth and adults with intellectual disabilities, and all those suffering with substance use disorders and the people who love them.

One action demonstrating my commitment to the issues stated above is my recent introduction of legislation this fall to protect family members and friends who carry the life-saving drug naloxone, which is also



known as Narcan, during our current opioid epidemic. My bill is named after Lloyd Andrew White, a promising, kind, loving, creative and intelligent young man from Delaware County, who is the only son of Sharon White, a fierce advocate for appropriate services for this community and their loved ones.

Like too many young people across our nation and in our community, Lloyd lost his battle with addiction. He began his journey to recovery about a decade ago, and his mother Sharon White carried naloxone – for the purpose of saving her son's life if needed.

As always, my door remains open to the people I am committed to serve. Your input on Pennsylvania's most pressing legislative needs is invaluable to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me. Check out the back page of this newsletter for ways to get in contact with me – and for more information on help fighting the ongoing pandemic.

Since 2010, proudly serving: East Lansdowne | Lansdowne | Millbourne | Upper Darby Township | Yeadon

– Celebrating a Decade of Service with Proven Results –



Taking the House oath in the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Fighting a bad bill that would restrict the way the state responds to emergencies.

Introducing legislation known as Lloyd's Law, to protect people who carry life-saving naloxone medication for overdoses.

Proven results – investment in the 164th – Serving our Communities

Among my highest priorities are seeing the 164th Legislative District receive important state investments into our community and putting those dollars to work for us in creating jobs, growing community-based businesses, improving our environment and establishing healthy and vibrant communities.

The highlighted proven results below totaling **\$8.9 million in financial investments** that I helped deliver last year are projects that are impacting our region right now.

\$1 million for Stonehurst Community Center in Upper Darby

Stonehurst's RACP grant will go toward a comprehensive plan that Upper Darby Township is creating to transform property in the Stonehurst neighborhood into a newly repurposed and much-needed community center.

\$2 million for Aircraft parking for Philadelphia International in Tinicum Township

Funding for the airport parking expansion will go toward pavement operations there and will create and retain jobs throughout the region

\$1.5 million for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia project to redevelop a 30-year unused property in Millbourne

The portion of money for the CHOP project includes money for extensive site work, a new signal intersection,

a large well-lighted parking field, a visitor parking area adjacent to the two-story visitor lobby, an employee lobby and parking area, and truck bays for the developing property at 6400 Market St. in Millbourne Borough. This project will create jobs and remove blight providing both an economic and environmental impact.

\$1.5 million for Delaware County 911 communications

Money for 911 operations out of Middletown Township will help provide a secure, reliable, FCC-compliant public safety communication system using approximately 24 locations within the county, including the 911 Center. This project includes 24 tower upgrades to provide countywide communication coverage, shelter structures, ice bridge, grounding, electric, HVAC, core work additions, and 911 Center equipment to communicate effectively in emergency situations with citizens and first responders, as well as with surrounding counties in southeastern Pennsylvania. This project will protect lives and property, improve public safety conditions and make our community a safer place to live and thrive.

\$500K for Delaware County Community College

Delaware County Community College funding will go toward a major facility purchase, renovation and expansion. The Early Childhood Education Center will be a separate building that houses two faculty offices and a dedicated

classroom for early childhood education courses.

\$23,000 in Safe School grant funding for Upper Darby School District

The Pennsylvania Department of Education awards the competitive grants to prevent and reduce violent incidents, to purchase safety and security-related equipment and to provide training and compensation of school resource and police officers.

I have championed safe schools during my decade of service in the House. In 2018, the Senate and House finally passed legislation that I originally introduced in 2011 to provide students, teachers and parents an avenue to improve school safety throughout Pennsylvania.

\$138,900 for Lansdowne Borough

This money is for development of a McKinley Avenue Tot Lot. Work included installation of play equipment, safety surfaces, fencing, ADA access, landscaping and other site improvements. This project supports our community members with different abilities, strengthens our public transportation systems, creates jobs and improves our environment.

\$112,200 for Yeadon Borough

The money is for the rehabilitation of Yeadon Community Park. Work includes construction of a pavilion, concession area, fitness and play equipment, safety surfaces, scoreboard, digital sign, and other site improvements. This important project creates the kind of healthy vibrant community environment of which we can all be proud.

Building on Proven Results – Each and every constituent matters – Serving People



Each year, my Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway grows with the community, and I'm proud to report that over the last session, my office and I supplied 847 students with backpacks! This fall, I'm looking forward to celebrating in person again!



At Thanksgiving, we remember those who are struggling through the holiday season – no matter the circumstances. I would like to thank Peace Islands Institute, among many others, for donating turkeys through my district office. We donated 70 turkeys to members of the community last legislative term, more than half of those during the pandemic, when many families were facing the toughest times.

Recognized Leadership



Exhibiting the qualities of a servant, I have served as the Democratic Chair of the bipartisan Women's Caucus for two legislative terms. As I've faithfully adhered to the principles of servant leadership, I know and see firsthand the hard work our women members are doing to improve their local communities. I have seen your women representatives advocate on behalf of women – and men – in our commonwealth through legislative proposals they've introduced, remarks they've shared on the House floor, press conferences and rallies they've hosted, and events they've held recognizing women. It has been a great honor to serve in this role. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues to garner support for legislative proposals that impact women.

As the former elected Chair of the Southeast Delegation, I launched an intergovernmental forum to increase transparency and cooperation on federal, state and county issues in southeastern Pennsylvania. The forums are now held on a county-by-county basis across the state. It was an honor to chair the House Democratic Southeast Delegation, a position I handed over to state Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, a fellow Delaware County legislator and colleague, when I assumed duties as chairwoman of the House State Government Committee. The Southeast Delegation spans eight counties outside of Philadelphia and currently consists of 35 members. The next-largest delegation is Philadelphia, with 23 members.

Leading the House State Government Committee

I humbly accepted this assignment as minority chair to fight for the voices of all Pennsylvanians to be heard in our elections, in particular. We already know that the right to have our votes counted is being challenged, but I will bring to bear the political savvy and gritty tenacity for which I am known to fight for election fairness, voting rights and transparency in state government policies.

The House State Government Committee reviews legislation on issues ranging from voting and election regulations to

campaign finance reform, the Right-to-Know Law, the Sunshine Act and the Procurement Code. It oversees the departments of State and General Services, and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, as well as the Governor's Office, State Athletic Commission, Independent Regulatory Review Commission, Joint Committee on Documents, the Public Employee Retirement Commission, State Employees' Retirement Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Television



Network. The committee also reviews gaming and horse racing legislation.

Government should be for the people and by the people and should serve the people.

I cherish the trust that my colleagues and House Leadership have placed in me – as well as the people of the 164th District who have returned me to serve them in the House of Representatives for a sixth term.

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Serving vets in these times of need



This past fall, I hosted a free Grab-and-Go Veterans Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16 in the Barclay Square Shopping Center, 1500 Garrett Road, Upper Darby.

Veterans and their families are encouraged to reach out to me for any assistance with veterans issues.

Veterans set an example for all of us. Their commitment, selfless acts and personal sacrifice have had a positive impact on our nation, state and community. It's an honor to be able to show my gratitude for their service by hosting this event.



Reducing the danger of eviction

The National Low Income Housing Coalition estimates that about 19 million people across the country are facing eviction due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I will continue advocating for solutions, including for a new moratorium in PA, and for other ways to help during this rising emergency within the pandemic.

I encourage you to contact my office if you need help navigating tough circumstances right now, including eviction proceedings. My office held a virtual forum this fall about eviction proceedings and what you need to know to help protect yourself during such an event. Watch it by visiting here: <https://youtu.be/wXR3E9NPjkY>

Keeping mental health resources in the forefront during COVID-19

In December, I held a live virtual Mental Health Forum with health experts from right here in Delaware County.

We focused on the warning signs you need to watch out for and reasons to seek help from a medical professional or counselor.

The panel of experts included:

- Bruce Rice, who is the CEO of Keystone Center.
- Gerry Gonzalez, who is the community relations representative at Child Guidance Resource Centers.
- Sharon White, who is an advocate and a Delaware County resident/parent. She is a certified recovery specialist and mental health and substance use disorder advocate.
- Larry Arata, who is also an advocate and a Delaware County resident/parent. He, too, is certified recovery specialist and mental health and substance use disorder advocate.

■ Jari Santana-Wynn, who has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology and works at Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems.

■ Kathleen Gast, who is a prevention specialist at Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems.

You can watch the video at: <https://youtu.be/r5xf4A3Yd6Y>



2021 Schedule of Events– 164th District

**FEB
27**

Financial Fitness Month Part 1: Shredding Event

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Upper Darby High School, 601 N. Lansdowne Ave, Drexel Hill, PA 19026
Bring your old bank and credit card statements, applications, canceled checks, or other personal documents to be safely and securely shredded! If you have any questions, contact my office at 610-259-7016 or email jcarey@pahouse.net.

Financial Fitness Month Part 2: Financial Fitness Expo | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visit my virtual Financial Fitness Expo where we will be discussing new tax rules, the Rent/Mortgage moratorium, PA's Rent Rebate Program & the current status of unemployment benefits and stimulus checks. To attend this special event, click the Zoom link on RepDavidson.com or call my office to RSVP at 610-259-7016 or email arichard@pahouse.net.

**MAR
25**

**APR
22**

Virtual Public Safety Forum | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore the history of vaccination use in marginalized communities and communities of color, the safety of the current COVID-19 vaccination, and access to them. To attend this special event, click the Zoom link on RepDavidson.com. For more information call my office at 610-259-7016 or email nfields@pahouse.net.

College Planning Event | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attend our Virtual College Planning Event to explore available resources for college tuition with representatives from various local colleges and college prep organizations. To attend this special event, click the Zoom link on RepDavidson.com or call my office at 610-259-7016 or email htunis@pahouse.net.

**MAY
13**

**JUN
10**

Veterans Fair and Flag Day Celebration – Drive Thru Breakfast Giveaway

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Barclay Square Shopping Center

We will honor our heroic veterans and their families with a tasty grab and go breakfast with Rep. Davidson! For more information contact my office at 610-259-7016 or arichard@pahouse.net.

International Dining Days | Starting the week of July 12th

Let's celebrate the diversity of the 164th district through delicious international cuisine. Our area is a fantastic source for food from around the world. For more information contact my office at 610-259-7016 or email htunis@pahouse.net.

**JUL
12**

AUG

Summer Senior Celebrations | Various Dates & Locations

Serving seniors where they live with a distribution of useful supplies and resources. For more information about any of the senior events, contact my office at 610-259-7016 or jcarey@pahouse.net.

11th Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway & Community Event

September 4 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate back to school as Rep. Davidson and community partners provide backpacks with school supplies. The event also includes food, fun and critical, new-school-year information.

**SEP
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**OCT
14**

Small Business Fair | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Virtual

Learn about resources to help your existing small business survive the pandemic and thrive again. Also learn about resources available for new businesses & emerging business corridors. To attend this special event, click the Zoom link on RepDavidson.com. For more information contact my office at 610-259-7016 or email htunis@pahouse.net.

Virtual Job Fair | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Attend our job fair to learn about employment opportunities and to virtually meet with various employers. Find out how employers are using technology to attract and retain employees in a post-COVID-19 world. To attend this special event, click the Zoom link on Repdavidson.com. For more information, contact my office at 610-259-7016 or email nfields@pahouse.net.

**NOV
18**

**DEC
27**

11th Annual Eggnog Sip OPEN HOUSE | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meet with Rep. Davidson and your neighbors in a festive setting during our annual community holiday gathering. For more information and to RSVP contact my office at 610-259-7016 or email kgriffin@pahouse.net.



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Serving you virtually and in-person throughout the pandemic



If you haven't visited my office in Upper Darby, I encourage you do so for all of your state government-related needs, including for help with any issue with Pennsylvania's delivery of its services.

My office provides telephonic and in-person appointment-only hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and my staff is available virtually by email throughout the entire business day as they have been every day throughout the ENTIRE pandemic. Please call 610-259-7016 or email RepDavidson@pahouse.net to schedule an appointment or for remote help with any state-related matter. We are located at 1500 Garrett Road, Upper Darby, PA 19082 (now next to the State Store).

My expert staff can help you with anything to do with PennDOT, Human Services, the Department of Health, COVID-19 vaccines or anything related to the pandemic, Unemployment Compensation, grants for new initiatives and growth in our district, and much more.



2019-20 Legislative Session

By the numbers

1,342
Unemployment cases handled in 2020, stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic

847
Book bags distributed for Back to School

\$8.9 million
awarded to the 164th district

12,446
Constituent services provided

70
Thanksgiving turkeys provided to families in need

391
Bills & Resolutions sponsored + cosponsored

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