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## DEAR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,

It's been a great first year serving as your State Representative. We had a lot of events, brought a lot of money back into the district, provided thousands of services for constituents like yourselves, and introduced powerful legislation. Being from the district, I have a strong interest in providing opportunities and investing in our community. After all, it's what made me who I am today. Here's a recap of our first year in office and remember please contact my office if you need help with any state government programs or initiatives.

190 Strong,



## WORKING FOR YOU IN HARRISBURG!

I am excited to have made it through my first full year as your State Representative. While it was busy, I must say that it was rewarding more than anything! And the work does not stop. I continue to build and strengthen relationships with colleagues to help bring about much needed change for the district, as well as the state.

I'm doing everything I can to fight for our district, city, and state, but I need your help! I work for you and value your input. Please reach out to me and let me know what you would like to see happen in our community.



### Over the course of this past Session year, I have sponsored bills which would:

- End medical co-pays for incarcerated Pennsylvanians.
- Halt sheriff sale auctions during declared emergencies.
- Ensure more transparency in law enforcement.
- Assist in improving maternal health outcomes.
- Create grant funding for gun violence prevention programming.
- Create solutions combatting the gun violence epidemic.

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In addition to these bills, I'm focused this year on one piece of legislation – Comprehensive Cannabis Reform.

While Pennsylvanians have been acquiring and using cannabis at roughly equivalent rates for decades, the impacts of enforcing drug laws against non-violent offenders for possessing small amounts of cannabis have been disproportionately felt by people and communities of color.

Over the course of generations, this disproportionate enforcement has eliminated opportunities that would have otherwise been available to a shocking number of Pennsylvanians, including access to employment and housing – it has destroyed lives, ripped families apart and created generational trauma that carries throughout entire communities.

In short, by enforcing drug laws prohibiting possession of small amounts of cannabis, we are clogging our court dockets, overcrowding our prisons, and holding down individuals and communities in most need of support, opportunity, and investment.

Legalizing and regulating cannabis is simply the right thing to do – ensuring that an equity lens is applied and that injustices caused by enforcement of drug laws are redressed. It is right for my constituents. It is right for the economy. It is right for the commonwealth.

My bill would create thousands of family-sustaining jobs, bring billions of dollars in capital investment, create a new revenue stream for the commonwealth that can be used to invest in social programs, and crime reduction.

Simultaneously, my bill would enhance public safety by incorporating consumer protections, currently non-existent in the illicit cannabis market, and curbing that illicit market which is thriving and preying on vulnerable populations and our youth.

*If you're passionate about a public policy or legislative issue and want me and my team to consider your proposal and hear your feedback, please fill out the constituent survey on [RepAmen.com](http://RepAmen.com) under our "Programs" tab.*



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT WINNER

Cynthia Hughes was nominated by Miya Mack. Cynthia started a food and clothing weekly giveaway. She provides cooked meals for the community, does holiday events, held a senior fair and runs a kids food program where she delivers meals to senior living homes and youth centers.

Cynthia deserves to be celebrated for her outstanding work in giving back to our community, and her tireless efforts to serve home cooked meals to people who need it.

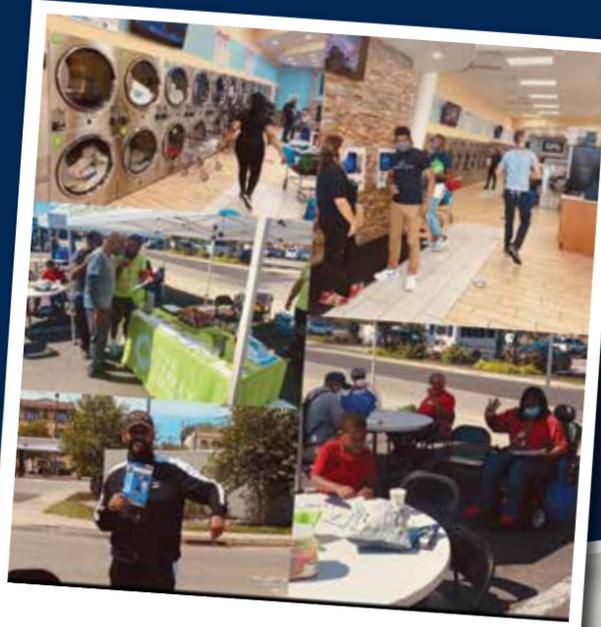
If you know Cynthia, give her a round of applause or a pat on the back. It's people like her that make the 190<sup>th</sup> a great place to live, work and play.



# BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER THROUGH COMMUNITY EVENTS



Youth matter. It's important to empower the youth to use their voice and vote as tools of power to create change.



Left: Community event for the people: offering info on state programs/services, shred truck, music and fun!

Below: Awareness and access is everything. Bringing information and resources to the community for access to better opportunities.



We hosted block-by-block community convos to get community feedback. Great way to build together, identify problems and develop solutions.



Giving back during the holidays at the place that helped me and my family when I was younger.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

My favorite part about being your state representative is helping constituents solve their problems. We helped close to 5,000 people in my first year. We provided over 300 people with access to the Property Tax/Rent Rebate. Close to 600 people had their unemployment cases resolved and we hosted over 25 community events. I also got the opportunity to present 62 citations to outstanding people in our district who achieved significant milestones or performed outstanding service to our community. Altogether, we provided 8,657 state services in total, and I couldn't be happier about this.



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### 2021 Year in Review

<b>4,630</b> Constituent Service Cases	<b>594</b> Unemployment Comp Cases Resolved
<b>8,657</b> Total State Services Provided	<b>334</b> Property Tax/Rent Rebates Completed
<b>25+</b> Community Events Hosted	<b>118</b> Constituents assisted with obtaining smoke detectors
<b>62</b> Legislative Citations Presented to Constituents	

7 Community Conversations, 7 Mobile Office Days around the district, 3 Community Clean Ups, 2 Community Resource Fairs, 1 Gun Violence Townhall, Various Food Distribution Pop-Ups + other events hosted with community groups and other members.

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The seniors of West Philly are amazing. What better way to have fun and show appreciation? BINGO!

The team is always working hard serving the people. Our mobile district office efforts for our senior buildings are going strong.



Health is wealth. The team worked to get seniors access to booster shots on site.



# GRANTS FOR THE 190TH

I've been working hard to bring money back into our community. I was able to help secure \$11.5 million in various grants that will enrich our community in many ways.



- **Work to Ride Inc. at Chamounix Stables** - \$500,000
    - This will help Chamounix Stables construct a new building that will be self-efficient, include a connector building to the soon to be renovated Chamounix Equestrian Center.
  - **University Place Associates 3.0 LLC** - \$2 million
    - This will be used to build the Ben Franklin Innovation and Community Impact Center, a co-working building used for laboratory, office space and workforce development.
  - **The Public Health Management Corporation** - \$2 million
    - PHMC will renovate the former hospital to create a Public Health Campus – including major utility upgrades, new office suites and conference rooms.
  - **Business Association of West Parkside** - \$1 million
    - They will update the Philadelphia Stars Negro League Memorial Park which includes landscaping, fencing, new furniture, electrical work and more.
  - **The Islamic Cultural Preservation and Information Council/ New Africa Center** - \$1 million
    - This project will construct a five-story, multi-use facility. It will include four commercial units and 45 apartment units, to help alleviate Philadelphia's housing crisis.
  - **District One Community Education Center** - \$1 million
    - Full renovation including ADA compliance, electrical work, and a lot more.
  - **Wexford Development LLC** - \$1 million.
    - Square at uCity for the creation of spaces that will provide use for farmer's markets, concerts and the planting of 20 trees in the square.
  - **SUPRA Enterprises LLC** - \$1 million
    - The West Parkside Industrial Park III will construct a brand-new facility which will be a "certified clean facility" meaning it can provide storage for vaccines and other pharmaceutical products.
- I also brought back \$123,000 in COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Grants to various organizations in West Philly. So, we can get out of this pandemic and back to our normal lives.
- Safety has been a huge priority of mine during my first year. That's why I secured a total of \$397,000 for enhancing safety measures throughout the district.
- **Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse** - \$40,000
    - This playground sees about 180,000 visitors yearly. It's currently dangerous to pick-up or drop-off your child here. This money will create a one-way driving loop to avoid traffic accidents and make the park ADA accessible so everyone can enjoy.
  - **Fairmount Park Conservancy** - \$220,000
    - Planning process of transportation throughout West Fairmount Park. This project includes sidewalk improvements, ADA ramps, and improvement of pedestrian and bike routes.
  - **VICA and 4151 Lancaster Avenue, LLC** - \$136,728
    - They will renovate their training center, fix their sidewalks and install lighting to create a safer connection around the facility.
  - **West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative** - \$182,000
    - 340 security cameras will be purchased, installed and maintained for business and residents in areas with high crime rates.
  - **Methodist Family Services** - \$15,000
    - This funding will provide education about urban agriculture at Heritage Farm. It will set us up to be more sustainable as a community.



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