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## Honored to serve you

*Dear Constituent,*

On January 3rd, I was sworn in for my first full term to serve you as your state representative. Truly humble and grateful, I was glad for my family, friends, mentees and staff to join me at the state Capitol. I am so excited for this two-year term representing West and Southwest Philadelphia, along with Darby and Yeadon boroughs.

### Working for you

It is a continued honor to serve the community I call home. Although our district has very serious needs, I will remain focused on tackling the issues that impact us all.

During the next two years, I will build on what my staff and I have accomplished since winning the special election in August 2015, while continuing the fight on several important issues.

My legislative priorities include improving educational opportunities, connecting you to good jobs, and reforming our criminal justice system.

### New advocacy in Harrisburg

In my new term, I am so excited to have been appointed to serve on the key House Judiciary Committee, where I plan to work with members from both parties to push for criminal justice reform.

Having served as an assistant public defender in Philadelphia for seven years, I am very familiar with how our criminal justice system works and how it needs to work better, to keep our communities safe and to help ex-offenders reintegrate into society.

The Judiciary Committee reviews bills relating to law enforcement and corrections. It has oversight over a number of state agencies, including the Pennsylvania State Police, Attorney General's Office, Department of Corrections, the State Ethics Commission, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Office of General Counsel, Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing and the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission. The committee also evaluates prison staffing and inmate populations and housing conditions.

I am also joining the Liquor Control Committee for the first time, where I will be addressing the issue of "stop and goes" in Philadelphia. The committee handles legislation dealing with the state's Liquor Code and oversees the operations of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, as well as the control of liquor by slot machine operators under the Gaming Control Board. The committee reviews any bills relating to the sale or distribution of alcohol in Pennsylvania.

I will continue serving on three additional committees: Children and Youth, Human Services and Professional Licensure.

### Here for you

Please remember that our legislative district office looks forward to serving you in excellence daily. If you have any concerns, suggestions or feedback, please bring them to my attention by contacting us. Let's work together in this new year to improve our communities!

Sincerely,

Joanna E. McClinton  
State Representative  
191st Legislative District

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION:

### PHILADELPHIA 12TH POLICE DISTRICT

65th Street and Woodland Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19142

(215) 686-3120

Community Relations Officer Arnold Mitchell

police.co\_12@phila.gov

Community Meeting – Every 2nd Wednesday  
of the month 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### PHILADELPHIA 18TH POLICE DISTRICT

55th Street and Pine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

(215) 686-3180

Community Relations Officer Michael Davis

police.co\_18@phila.gov

Community Meeting – Every 3rd Tuesday  
of the month 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### YEADON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Borough Hall First Floor

600 Church Lane, Yeadon, PA 19050

(610) 623-1500

### DARBY POLICE DEPARTMENT

1020 Ridge Ave., Darby, PA 19023

(610) 586-1100

## Join me for my energy fair on Feb. 21

You're invited to my next energy forum.  
It will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday,  
Feb. 21 at the 18th District Police Station,  
5510 Pine St., Philadelphia.

Come and learn about weatherization programs, meet with local utility representatives and apply for LIHEAP, the state heating assistance program. A number of state and other agencies will have staff on hand to explain programs and projects that can help save you money when heating your home in the winter and on your energy bills all year round.

You'll also be able to meet with local utility company representatives, and my staff will be able to help those who qualify to apply for LIHEAP heating assistance. **(For more information about this program, see page 4 of this newsletter.)**

You can also learn about weatherization assistance programs offered by the state and local companies.



Rep. McClinton  
hosted an energy  
forum at the 12th  
District Police  
Station on Jan. 11.

# HUNDREDS ATTEND MCCLINTON'S BARTRAM COMMUNITY DAY EVENT

Hundreds of people attended my "Celebrating Bartram Village" Health and Wellness Community Event on Aug. 27.

I was thrilled with the community support for my first Bartram Village Community Day. Thank you to all of the local organizations that offered information, fun and entertainment for local residents of all ages. We were able to offer face painting, food, fitness classes, interactive games and live musical entertainment.

More than 200 registered residents from the Bartram and Southwest

Philadelphia area were offered a number of free health screenings and other health and wellness information. And about 100 youths received book bags and school supplies in preparation for the school year.

The day also gave the residents an opportunity to meet my hard-working staff and learn how we can assist residents with state issues, including help with applying for state programs such as the Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid and the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.



**Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell (left) and Mayor Jim Kenney join Rep. McClinton at her 60th Street Health and Wellness Community Summer Jam in August in Southwest Philadelphia.**



**Rep. McClinton was honored to deliver lunch to our first responders with state Sen. Anthony Hardy Williams, Pat Burns of Fresh Grocer, Issa Shahid of Muslims for Humanity and Mr. and Mrs. Claus in a Philadelphia fire truck!**



## Free SEPTA senior ID

I held five events in September and October where my office and SEPTA staff took free photos for the new SEPTA Key Senior ID cards for older residents of the 191st Legislative District.



SEPTA Key is the modern fare payment and collection system being unveiled by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. It offers seniors an alternative to using their Pennsylvania driver's license or state-issued ID card.

The new card will have a contactless chip, so riders only will need to pass it across the face of the validator to pay for their ride.

For more information, seniors can call my office at 215-748-6712.

## Working to reform juvenile pre-trial detention

I am working with advocates, attorneys and affected families to introduce legislation that will bar juveniles from being detained in adult facilities before trial unless they are facing homicide charges.

The effects of pre-trial detention and the abuses that accompany it are particularly harmful to juveniles' physical, mental, social and developmental health. Pre-trial detention is uniquely devastating to children, often leading to stunted or deviant adulthood, higher rates of recidivism, and imposes a heavy burden on family members and communities who are most invested in their recovery and success.

Not only are juveniles who are held in adult facilities 36% more likely to commit suicide, they comprise 21% of the victims of inmate-perpetrated sexual assault while making up only 1% of the total population of adult facilities. Juveniles experiencing behavioral health problems simply get worse in detention, not better, as they do not receive effective treatment. The transition into incarceration itself is believed to be responsible for some of the observed increase in mental illnesses in detention.

Lastly, the costs of pre-trial detention of juveniles in adult facilities are substantial. Pre-trial detention costs an average of \$400 per night and nearly \$150,000 a year per youth in adult facilities. In New York City, for example, it costs 15 times more to detain a juvenile in an adult facility as compared to sending a youth to a detention alternative. As Pennsylvania faces its own budgetary woes, it is imperative that we spend our state's limited resources responsibly instead of funding ineffective and expensive incarceration programs.



# Veterans Resource Fair

In November, I honored seven local veterans during my Veterans Resource Fair and Luncheon held at Myers Recreation Center.

More than 100 veterans attended, including the honorees, Alfred Robinson Jr., Albert Willis, Robert Tucker, Robert King, Edward Ted Beher, Allen Banks and the wife of the late Howard H. Hicks.



It was an honor to be among so many heroes. Talking with so many of them was inspirational to me. Each veteran has a story to tell and their service has left an indelible mark on each one as well as their families. Thank you to all who served our country and congratulations to those I honored at the event.

The event brought together a number of agencies and businesses that deal with veterans issues. Free health screenings, including blood pressure and glucose levels, were also available for the veterans.

## Hundreds attend Senior Holiday Health and Fitness Expo

In December, I hosted my second annual Senior Holiday Health and Fitness Expo at Motivation High School. More than 300 area seniors attended the event, which offered them a chance to receive free health screenings and other services, including flu shots.

Holiday entertainment, music, dancing and a holiday lunch helped make the day a success.

Thanks to everyone who participated, volunteered their time and their service, particularly the students from Hardy Williams High School and NSA Multicultural Academy. I look forward to the third annual expo this year!



## Mobile office hours and Thanksgiving baskets for 25 families



**Rep. McClinton held mobile office hours at the Sunshine Supermarket Nov. 19, along with a giveaway of 25 Thanksgiving baskets donated by the store, which she presented with Ray Mustafa and his father, Munir Mustafa (right), both of Sunshine Supermarket.**

My staff and I held mobile office hours Saturday, Nov. 19 at Sunshine Supermarket.

We answered questions regarding state programs and helped residents interested in applying for state programs such as the winter heating assistance program, LIHEAP; the health insurance program for otherwise uninsured children, CHIP; and the Property Tax/Rent Rebate program.

My staff and I can assist in those applications and also

## WORKING TO REIN IN SEIZURES OF MONEY, PROPERTY

I support police officers and all members of law enforcement who dedicate themselves to keeping us safe. Because I want them to keep the community's trust, I am working to limit a practice that has gone too far in many places, but especially in Philadelphia.

"Civil asset forfeiture" allows district attorneys and police to take someone's cash, house, car or other property – without a criminal conviction happening first. If that sounds backwards, that's because it is! Forfeiture was originally intended for use against drug kingpins.

However, it has grown dramatically. For example, in one Philadelphia case that has drawn national attention, a couple's home was seized because their adult son was arrested for selling a small amount of drugs away from home.

In the last decade, Pennsylvania law enforcement has taken more than \$100 million in private property, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. This practice disproportionately affects low-income people of color.

Current state law provides very few protections in forfeiture cases. People whose property has been seized don't get a court-appointed lawyer, and many of them are never even notified that their property is the subject of a civil forfeiture proceeding. Some innocent owners decide not to challenge the seizures because the costs of taking time off work and paying a lawyer often far exceed the value of the property.

I plan to co-sponsor bipartisan legislation in the new session to rein in forfeiture.

advise on the current open enrollment periods for both Medicare and the Healthcare Marketplace under the Affordable Care Act. We can also help with requests for death or birth certificates.

Also as part of the event, Sunshine Supermarket and I presented Thanksgiving meal baskets to 25 local, pre-selected families so that they could enjoy a full turkey dinner for the holiday.



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## Need help with winter heating bills?

Depending on funding availability, applications for Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will be accepted through March 31, 2017.

LIHEAP provides heating funds based on income and family size, as well as emergency grants for those in immediate danger of losing their heat.

Applications are available at my office, 6027 Ludlow St., Unit A. You can also apply through the state's COMPASS website: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

The state also offers a weatherization program for low-income households to reduce the actual heating bills. Families making less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guideline are eligible for this program. Local heating energy providers also offer their own programs.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$17,820
2	\$24,030
3	\$30,240
4	\$36,450
5	\$42,660
6	\$48,870
7	\$55,095
Each Additional Person Add	\$6,240

## McClinton elected to Philadelphia Delegation leadership team

I am honored to have been elected secretary/treasurer of the Philadelphia County Delegation for the 2017-18 legislative session. I'm serving on the delegation's leadership team with Chairwoman Maria Donatucci and Vice Chairman Jason Dawkins.

The delegation is comprised of more than 20 representatives who serve Philadelphia, providing an opportunity to work together to improve the city and all of Pennsylvania.



The delegation has been a strong voice for the city, its residents and Pennsylvanians all across the Commonwealth who are concerned about educating our children, job creation and empowering our communities.

***Rep. McClinton speaks at the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus swearing-in celebration in January.***

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