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Dear Constituent,

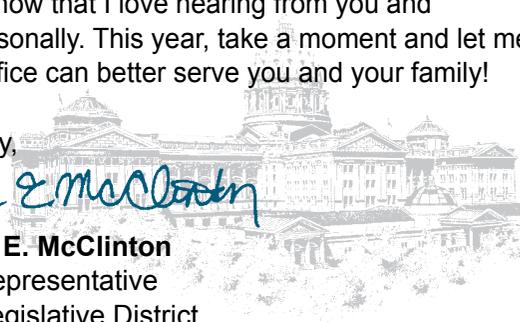
Happy New Year to you and your family! I wish each and every one of you GREATNESS in 2018. It is an absolute honor to serve as your State Representative, working hard for you both in Harrisburg and in our community. Since we last were in touch, my office has conducted several events throughout the district and much has changed in the Capitol. In this newsletter, you will find what I have been addressing in Harrisburg and some of our accomplishments in 2017.

It is my goal in this new year to both continue serving you in excellence, but also making a significant impact within our district. Please take a few minutes to plan to join us at one of our upcoming weatherization events. And be sure to keep an eye out for announcements of future events in the coming months.

Finally, please know that I love hearing from you and meeting you personally. This year, take a moment and let me know how my office can better serve you and your family!

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

821 Summit St., Darby, PA 19023
(610) 586-1100

PURSUING REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S DREAM IN 2018

On what would have been the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 89th birthday, I joined the Omega Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Philadelphia Mural Arts Restorative Justice Program, and the First Judicial District to host a Day of Service at Sayre High School, where we joined students and volunteers in painting

the hallways, lockers, and cafeteria, as well as hosting "My Sister's Dream" self-empowerment workshops. In Yeadon Borough, State Sen. Anthony Williams and I collaborated with the Chester Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania to host a Delaware County expungement clinic.

In Dr. King's name, we must continue to speak truth to power and do our part in fighting hatred, injustice, and poverty in Pennsylvania and across the country. Look at your hands; determine what you can do to make the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream a reality for our young people in Philadelphia and Delaware County.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Since taking office in 2015, criminal justice reform continues to be one of my top priorities. As a legislator, as a former public defender, and as a neighbor, family member, and citizen, I have seen firsthand the negative effects of our criminal justice system that is in desperate need of reform.

I see it in our streets, where residents no longer feel safe in their own homes, where countless youth are being shot on what seems like a daily basis, where their peers feel hopeless about their future because the system has failed them, and where so many adults struggle to return to society after paying their dues for past mistakes.

But despite all of this, I see an opportunity for change. I see this opportunity in the faces of neighbors who have joined together to take back control of their neighborhoods and reach out to help guide the troubled youth who live near

them. I see it in the eyes of the children who have young mentors stepping up to care about them and lead them to success.

I see this opportunity in a city that has dared to elect a district attorney who is willing to correct wrongdoings and seek restorative justice. I see it in organizations and business owners that are committed to helping and hiring ex-offenders, and I see it in Harrisburg, where I am joined by my colleagues in finding solutions and alternatives to break the school-to-prison pipeline, death by incarceration, and the cycle of poverty inflicted by the justice system.

I am impassioned by this opportunity and look forward to continuing this fight on the House Judiciary Committee, the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission, and through legislation aimed at rehabilitative and restorative criminal justice.

PRETRIAL & BAIL REFORM

I held a policy hearing to further advance my pretrial bail reform bill earlier this year. Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of pretrial incarceration in each of its sixty-seven counties. When someone is charged with a crime but cannot afford bail, unfortunately that person can lose their job, housing, and family.

My bill would encourage counties to implement a new tool to ensure people will show up for court that does not require monetary bail be paid. If this method is implemented as an alternative to cash bail, hopefully families would remain intact and the significant taxpayer burden of housing non-violent offenders would decrease.



It was a pleasure meeting Malcolm Jenkins, Torrey Smith and Chris Long from the Philadelphia Eagles to discuss our criminal justice reform efforts in the Capitol. The Philadelphia Eagles are doing exemplary work off and on the field! #FlyEaglesFly

Congratulations to the NFC Conference Champions!

SENTENCING COMMISSION

In December, House Democratic Leader Frank Dermody appointed me to serve on the Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission. I am the first woman from the House of Representatives to serve on the commission. During my seven years of trial practice at the Defender Association, I relied on the commission's sentencing goals and guidelines similarly to a preacher's reliance on the Bible.

Now I have a seat at the table and will be able to help craft future sentencing structures for crimes plaguing our community, and I hope to be the voice of reason on the commission and ensure that our recommended sentences are tough on the most serious crimes, but more flexible on non-violent offenses.



Ready to tackle criminal justice reforms at my first Pennsylvania Sentencing Commission meeting.

ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

As the first woman to ever represent the 191st Legislative District, it is my responsibility to stand with mothers, aunts, grandmothers, daughters, and all women to ensure that they are protected against any and all forms of violence. I was honored to be joined by my fellow women legislators from both sides of the aisle in the House to adopt House Resolution 585, designating Nov. 25, 2017 as the Elimination of Violence against Women in Pennsylvania Day.

GUN VIOLENCE

It is no question that as Americans and Pennsylvanians, we have a right to possess firearms. There are safeguards in place that ensure fair and safe access to gun ownership, whatever its purpose may be.

But I ask, do these safeguards account for the hundreds of lives cut short by a bullet? Do they include the heartbreak and devastation in families who have lost loved ones to a gun? And do they account for the youth who have been misguided and neglected to the point where the only resolution to a problem is a trigger?

We have been called upon to act and address the crisis of gun violence in our communities. It is my mission to work together with and within these communities and to collaborate with my fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle in Harrisburg to bring an end to senseless deaths and the transfer of the illegal firearms that are responsible.

We must, together, promote surer regulatory safeguards, increased access to education, higher living wages, and stronger conflict resolution skills in our youth. Before the right to firearm ownership, we all have the right to LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS, all of which can be taken away by a single gunshot.

Legislative Events



3RD ANNUAL CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH SENIORS HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

Right before the holidays, I welcomed more than 500 seniors from around the district to my third annual Senior Health and Wellness Expo. From the free health screenings to fitness classes and “Green Smoothie” demonstrations, each one of our wisest neighbors was impacted positively. Lunch was served cheerfully by our youngest constituents from the Philadelphia Islamic Day School.

FIRST-EVER FALL FESTIVAL

On Oct. 31, I partnered with the Common Place and the 12th District Police, to host a fall festival for children and their families. Dressed in their costumes and ready to dance and have fun, more than 100 children from around West and Southwest Philadelphia were treated to an array of games, face painting, and a bounty of goodies. Aside from the fun and games, parents were provided with resources aimed at promoting health and education.

JOINT SOUTHWEST TOWN HALL

In December, I joined my colleagues, State Reps. James Roebuck (D-188) and Jordan Harris (D-186), to host a joint town hall for constituents in Southwest Philadelphia. It is imperative that we, as elected officials, hear the concerns of our neighbors to better represent you in Harrisburg. With more than 150 residents in attendance, we answered questions ranging from education and voting rights, to nuisance businesses operating in our neighborhoods. I was particularly able to address criminal justice reform in the Capitol and in our streets, as well as what we can expect in the new year.

2ND ANNUAL VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR & LUNCHEON

In November, I hosted my second annual Veterans Resource Fair and Luncheon to honor the brave women and men who have sacrificed so much for our commonwealth and country. I was honored to present six distinguished veterans from the 191st District with citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives thanking them for their selfless service. More importantly, those in attendance were provided with direct access to resources and organizations throughout the state and city aimed specifically toward veterans and whatever assistance they may need. None of this would have been possible without the help of student volunteers from Cornerstone Christian Academy and Mastery Charter Hardy Williams High School. For more information or access to veterans resources, please call my district office.



REENTRY RESOURCE FAIR: PATHWAYS TO PARDONS & EXPUNGEMENTS

Our criminal justice system should allow people to pay their debt to society and provide a second chance. A criminal record is often the greatest hurdle faced by those seeking redemption. That is why, in late September, I joined Chair of the Board of Pardons and Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack and State Sen. Anthony Williams to host the Reentry Resource Fair: Pathways to Pardons and Expungements. We were able to help more than 200 ex-offenders with access to a number of reentry organizations and to information on the pardon process and how to obtain a record sealing. We also helped begin the expungement process for many attendees with help from the Defender Association of Philadelphia. For more information on the pardon process or how to obtain a record sealing or expungement, please call my district office.

DELAWARE COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCE FAIR

To start the school year off right, I hosted a Delaware County Back to School Resource Fair at the Darby Recreation Center. Through gracious donations from various sponsors, I was able to provide more than 150 students with school supplies and free haircuts from Manners Make Men to begin the year fresh. Parents were provided with resources on health and education.



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE DAYS

In the upcoming months, I will be hosting Property Tax/Rent Rebate sessions in West Philadelphia and Delaware County. This program is administered by the state Department of Revenue and funded by proceeds from the state lottery. Call my office to find out if you are eligible!

DELAWARE COUNTY CONSTITUENT SERVICE DAYS

DARBY CONSTITUENT SERVICE DAY:

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the FIRST Tuesday of every month, Darby Recreation Center, 1022 Ridge Ave., Darby, starting Feb. 6.

YEADON CONSTITUENT SERVICE DAY:

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the FIRST Tuesday of every OTHER month, Yeadon Public Library, 809 Longacre Blvd., Yeadon, starting March 1.

3RD ANNUAL 60TH STREET HEALTH & WELLNESS SUMMER JAM

In August, I hosted the third annual 60th Street Summer Jam along with ACHIEVEability, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Councilman Curtis Jones and State Rep. Morgan Cephas along the unit block of 60th and Market Streets. Hundreds of our neighbors joined us for food, fun, entertainment, and plenty of dancing. Various

community organizations, businesses, and local and state offices helped make the day a success. There was something for everyone, regardless of age! I would like to thank all of those who came out to join us and to all the volunteers who made it possible. I am already extremely excited for this year's event!

News around the District

STOP-AND-GO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Gov. Tom Wolf signed into law legislation I supported that is aimed at cracking down on nuisance bars. It gives the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board the authority to conduct more inspections and immediately suspend the liquor license of establishments that are harmful to communities. Local and state agencies, such as the State Police, Philadelphia Police, and other county health and local government officials, now have the authority to cite noncompliant stop-and-go stores.



ENERGY FORUM AND LIHEAP HOME-HEATING AID

Depending on funding availability, applications for Pennsylvania's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program will be accepted through March 31, 2018. LIHEAP provides heating funds based on income and family size, as well as emergency grants for those in immediate danger of losing their heat.

Join me at the 12th and 18th Police District Community Meetings in February for an energy forum where energy companies and organizations will provide tips and information on how to save money on bills during the winter months.

BARTRAM GARDEN EXPANSION

I am excited to announce that the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has awarded a \$150,000 grant to Bartram's Garden, an organization in Southwest Philadelphia that makes great contributions to the community and exposes our children and residents to the natural resources that are right in their backyard. Visitors to the Bartram's Garden historical site will now have greater access to activities such as kayaking and row boating, as well as access to gardening, arts, culture, and even sledding in the winter!

GRANT FOR PASCHALVILLE LIBRARY

I am also pleased to announce a \$1.25 million grant to the Free Library of Philadelphia from the state Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. The library will use the funding for its 21st Century Libraries Initiative, which will renovate and modernize three libraries in Philadelphia, including the Paschalville Library in Southwest Philadelphia. It will receive interior and exterior renovation and repairs, new furniture, fixtures, and equipment to meet the growing needs of our community.

MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Notary services
- 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
- Complaints or questions about utilities and the PUC
- SEPTA senior IDs
- 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.



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IMPORTANT 2018 ELECTION DATES:

Last day to REGISTER to vote before the primary.....April 16
 Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot..... May 8
 GENERAL PRIMARY May 15

Last day to REGISTER to vote before November election.... October 9
 Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot..... October 30
 GENERAL ELECTION November 6

Rep. Joanna McClinton will host an **ENERGY FORUM**



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Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
12th District Police Station
 6448 Woodland Ave. • Philadelphia, PA 19142

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018
6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
18th District Police Station
 5510 Pine St. • Philadelphia, PA 19143

- ✓ Learn how the state and other groups can help you save money during the winter heating season.
- ✓ Apply for LIHEAP heating assistance.
- ✓ Learn how to weatherize your home.
- ✓ Meet with representatives from local utility companies.

Refreshments will be served.

Get a fresh start! *Clear your record!*



State Representative **Joanna McClinton**
 and
 State Senator **Anthony H. Williams**
In partnership with Defender Association of Philadelphia
Invite you to their



Expungement Clinic

Saturday, March 10
10 a.m – 12 p.m.

Francis J. Myers Recreation Center
 5801 Kingsessing Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION.