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Malcolm in the Headlines

Roxborough Alum Malcolm Kenyatta: 'We are failing our kids'

Philadelphia Inquirer Oct. 4

Malcolm Kenyatta: Nursing Home Funding I Voted for Must be Used to Help Workers and Patients

Philadelphia Inquirer Aug. 31

Addressing Gun Violence

In the city of Philadelphia, we are currently in the midst of a gun-violence crisis. Over the past two years, we have seen unprecedented levels of gun violence that is taking far too many lives and damaging our community. However, this issue is not only affecting Philadelphia. We have witnessed multiple mass shootings that garnered national attention in cities such as Buffalo and Uvalde.

As elected officials, it is our job to serve you and make your quality of life better. My Democratic colleagues and I have introduced countless pieces of legislation to address gun violence in Pennsylvania, but our Republican colleagues continue to dismiss this legislation.

In the past year, I introduced a three-point plan to address this gun violence. This plan includes:

- 1) Declaring a state of emergency.
- 2) Passing stalled gun safety legislation.
- 3) Addressing root causes of gun violence and investing in our youth.



Rep. Kenyatta with activists at a community discussion at the Columbia North YMCA about disrupting gun violence.



Rep. Kenyatta pictured with Philadelphia 9th Police District Captain Colleen Billups

Raising Awareness for Mpox Outbreak

The Mpox outbreak hit our city a couple of months ago, and when the first case in Philadelphia was confirmed, I joined legislative colleagues, activists and medical professionals for a press conference and virtual town hall to raise awareness about Mpox and provide a plan to prevent a mass outbreak.

Mpox disproportionately affects marginalized groups of people such as African Americans and LGBTQ communities. At these events, I stressed the importance of a vaccine and coordinated approach to distribute it to these communities most at risk of getting Mpox.

According to the CDC, as of November 15, there are more than 800 cases of Mpox in Pennsylvania. This makes our state one of the highest with cases. We must continue research and distribution of vaccines and medicine to combat this disease. If we learned anything from COVID, it's that we cannot take our foot off the gas when it comes to addressing these diseases.



Carnival in the Hood

Every year, I partner to bring a carnival to my district with my friends at Shadow Trax Media Arts to end the summer on a high note. This year was no different, bringing out hundreds of kids and families for carnival games, rides, and making my office available to answer questions about state services.

This year, DjLadyjai Hamiel and DjSmooth Rodney Hamiel surprised me with a certificate. The kids had a blast one more time before they started school.



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Grants Brought Back to the District

REP. KENYATTA ANNOUNCES

NEW FUNDING
FOR NORTH PHILADELPHIA

\$7.8 million

Awarded to Beech Community Services, Philadelphia Housing Authority, Temple University Main Campus, Philadelphia Youth for Change, The Police Athletic League of Philadelphia, and Alliance for Progress School

I was able to bring back more than \$7 million for redevelopment projects in our community. I am always proud to see funding go toward helping different projects, venues or organizations in our community. This funding for these grants came from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. The recipients of these grants were:

- Alliance for Progress Charter School Inc. received \$500,000 to fit out its fourth floor.
- Beech Community Services received \$1 million for a redevelopment construction project at 1905-1911 Cecil B Moore Ave.
- Philadelphia Housing Authority received \$1.5 million to benefit the Hartfrant Community Center Complex.
- Temple University Main Campus received \$1 million for infrastructure modernization and improvements.
- Philadelphia Youth for Change received \$3.5 million as a part of the YouthBuild Philadelphia project that will transform a vacant building into a world-class alternative education, workforce and leadership development movement.
- Beech Community Services received \$340,000 for the Dox Thrash House project for the design and planning of redevelopment construction at 2340-42 Cecil B. Moore Ave.
- The Police Athletic League of Philadelphia received \$1 million for the Cozen and Scattered Sites Program to provide a state-of-the-art full-size gymnasium.
- The Behavioral Wellness Center at Girard was awarded \$1 million for facility upgrades.

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the Temple University Institute for Intellectual Disabilities has received **\$500,000** as part of a PA Department of Education grant

I was able to help secure \$500,000 from the PA Department of Education to go toward the Institute for Intellectual Disabilities at Temple University. This funding is critical for students with intellectual disabilities and research to help those with intellectual disabilities.

I was able to help secure \$110,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for field drainage at Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center. Cecil B. Moore Rec Center is a great place for folks in our district to gather and participate in all sorts of physical activities. I was excited to see this funding go toward field drainage to keep the field in good condition for people to continually use it.

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Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center receives **\$110,000** from the Commonwealth Financing Authority Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program for field drainage

NEED ENERGY ASSISTANCE?

LIHEAP

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

2022-2023 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

If you need assistance with paying your home energy and heating bills, you can apply for LIHEAP. This program helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. For more information, to see if you qualify and to apply, visit <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx> or you can contact my office. This program is open for applications until April 28.

If you need a rebate on your property taxes or rent paid in 2021, you can still apply for the Property Tax/ Rent Rebate Program. The deadline to apply is December 31. For more information, to see if you qualify and to apply, you can visit revenue.pa.gov or contact my office. If you qualify for this program, you will receive a one-time bonus rebate.

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

NEW

Participants will get an additional, one-time payment of **70% of their 2021 rebate.**

For residents who are permanently disabled, 50+ and widowed, or 65+ with

\$35,000 household income for homeowners or

\$15,000 household income for renters

On Social Security? Half of SSI/SSD income is excluded for eligibility.



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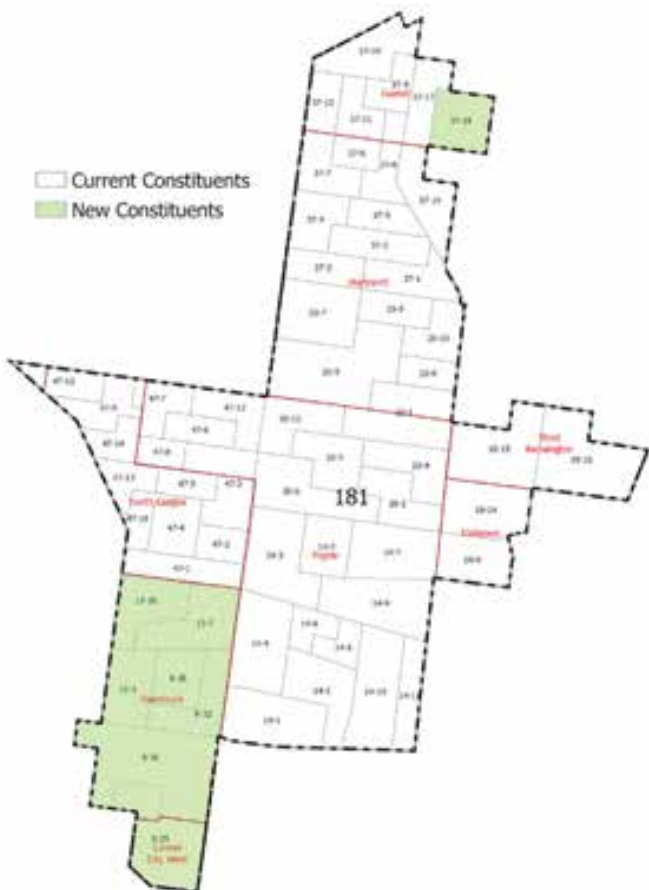
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Welcome to the 181st Legislative District

Every 10 years, the state updates its legislative districts to match the current demographic trends of the state. The 181st District has added new neighborhoods, which you can see on the map to the left. If you're a constituent from the old 181st District, I am happy to continue serving you and hope to build upon our already established relationship. If you're a new constituent to the 181st District, I look forward to being your state rep and, hopefully, getting to meet you. My office is always ready to provide any resident with any state services or assistance they need! The new district map took effect on December 1.



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I'm here to help!

My team and I can help with:

- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Information about jobs, housing relief and utility assistance
- Prescription assistance for seniors
- Driver's License & Vehicle Registration
- SEPTA ID card photos