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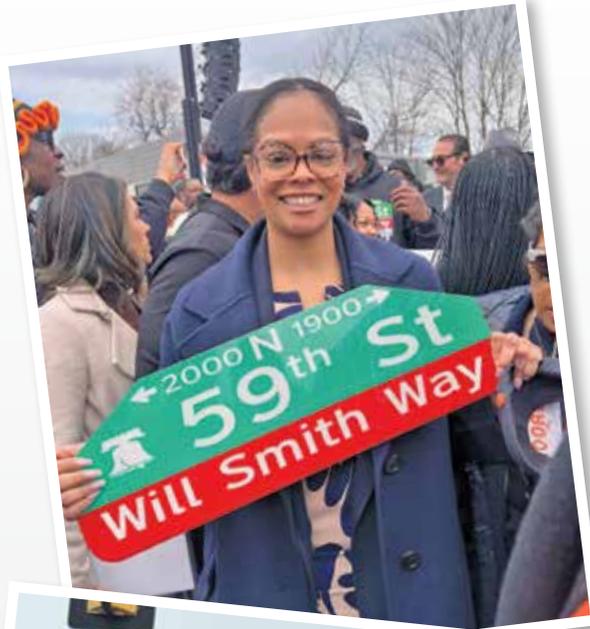
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Dear Neighbor,

2025 was full of both bright moments and extremely challenging moments, but we continue to find light and progress in the PA House of Representatives as we build on our efforts to uplift hardworking Pennsylvanians and families.

It took some extra time, but our state budget for 2025-26 includes targeted investments for Philadelphia schools, working families, seniors, local businesses, and more! Read this newsletter to find out more about how I'm fighting for you, block-by-block with investments in our neighborhoods and supporting our most vulnerable neighbors.

Locally, we honored our native son by renaming the 2000 block of 59th Street as "Will Smith Way." From Hollywood to Overbrook, Will Smith's impact goes beyond entertainment. He's used his platform to elevate and inspire – shaping culture and opening doors for future generations of artists. We also honored a life lost too young, renaming part of Lansdowne Ave. as "Jayanna Powell Way." Read more inside about the emotional day and how we're working to carry forward her legacy.

When SEPTA was forced to begin shortening schedules and preparing to eliminate active and popular routes, I was able to work with Uber and community organizations across the city to offer free Uber rides for seniors to get to the grocery store, medical appointments, or places they would normally use SEPTA to go. As we continue to work toward a long-term funding solution for mass transit, public-private partnerships like this become crucial to keeping our communities moving.

Our district includes communities across West Philadelphia, so I opened a satellite office to bring the services of my office closer to you. We're sharing Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr.'s office at 5901 Market St. to help you with state and local services – conveniently located near SEPTA's 60th St. Station on the Market-Frankford El. Contact us to ask about our schedule and when we'll be at a location near you!

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BUDGET WINS FOR 2025-26

I'm proud of the budget that we were able to secure in November for the 2025-26 fiscal year. We're delivering with intentional investments for working Philadelphians, our young people, and our most vulnerable neighbors.



2025-2026

PA BUDGET WINS

- No new taxes or reductions in the Rainy Day Fund
- **Over \$100M increase** for Basic Education Funding and a **\$40M increase** to Special Education funding
- **\$125M** for public school facility improvement grants, with at least **\$25M** set aside for Solar for Schools
- **Nearly \$600M** investment to further address adequacy and help kids in our public schools
- **\$25M** for child care worker retention and recruitment
- Putting money back in the pockets of Pennsylvanians with the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit (WPTC)
- **\$750M** for the MA Managed Care Program, supporting those compassionate care workers
- **\$150M increase** to help Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities
- **\$40M** to feed hungry Pennsylvanians and support family farms
- **\$5M investment** for Community College of Philadelphia & Cheyney University project
- Funding to fix and improve roads and bridges across the commonwealth
- **More than \$100M** in job creation, innovation, and entrepreneurial support

INVESTING IN WORKING FAMILIES



WORKING PENNSYLVANIANS TAX CREDIT

Putting money back in **YOUR** pocket

Dependents	Income Limit (Single/Head of Household)	Income Limit (Joint)	Maximum Tax Cut Back in YOUR Pocket
Zero	\$19,104	\$26,214	\$65
One	\$50,434	\$57,554	\$433
Two	\$57,310	\$64,430	\$715
Three or More	\$61,555	\$68,675	\$805

* Returns filed jointly are counted as two individuals. Does not reflect qualifying children or dependents.

As part of the 2025-26 state budget, I voted to give a tax break to nearly a million Pennsylvania families, including almost 200,000 in Philadelphia.

It is called the Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit – because working people deserve a break!

If you qualify for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, you automatically qualify to save an additional 10% break on your state taxes. That is money you can spend on groceries, childcare, or any other expense.

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

House Democrats are following Commonwealth Court orders to ensure that all school districts are fairly and equitably funded by applying the work of the Basic Education Funding Commission. That formula drove an increase of \$193 million to the School District of Philadelphia for the 2025-26 school year, and \$100 million in grants for school safety and mental health resources. I'm particularly proud of the \$5 million partnership between Cheyney University and the Community College of Philadelphia supported in this budget.

REDUCING COSTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

My legislation to allow homebuyers to buy down the interest rate on their mortgage was signed into law! In these times of financial insecurity, this option can help make owning a home more affordable and could mean significant monthly savings for folks looking to finance their dream home, fostering more connected communities with long-time residents.



Helping Pennsylvanians Afford Their Dream Home

Codifying that borrowers can buy down the interest rate on their mortgage to reduce monthly payments, encouraging homeownership and additional access to credit.

HB 1103 signed into law as ACT 16 OF 2025

Haverford Ave. Street Lighting



Just in time for the holiday season, we were able to unveil our new investment along the Haverford Ave. Business Corridor. This \$100,000 investment to light up the Avenue benefits local businesses with increased safety, appearance for shoppers and residents, and a brightened sense of community.

DAYS IN THE DISTRICT

I enjoyed connecting with so many neighbors at my Town Hall meeting in September.



My Fall Resource Fair & Turkey Giveaway in November brought together community resources and distributed more than 250 turkeys to seniors and families.



Meeting families where they are, our mobile office hosted a series of giveaways, ensuring access to essential items by distributing more than 200 bags of school supplies for children and diapers for families.



MLK Day of Service: Voices of the Dream Gospel Concert & Community Resource Fair – We honored local leaders and our community through a celebration of song and a day of service with more than 500 neighbors and friends at Saint Joseph’s University.



From Carroll Park to Overbrook Park, it was great to see so many fun costumes and celebrations across the district for Halloween!



I joined Sharing Access at Carroll Park for their food giveaway series. I’m looking forward to joining them again at a location near you.

HONORING JAYANNA POWELL

Eight-year-old Jayanna Powell was tragically killed while walking home from school by a reckless driver who was taken in weeks later after fleeing the scene of the accident. The shock of her senseless death lingers in the Overbrook community, but her memory gives us strength to carry on in her honor. That’s why I led the fight to rename the 6300 block of Lansdowne Ave. as “Jayanna Powell Way,” so that people will see her name forever and remember the potential of a precious life sadly lost far too young. Her legacy will be a force for good in her community. I am also working with my colleagues in the PA House and Senate to pass my legislation to create the “Jay Alerts” Hit-and-Run Advisory Alert System, named in honor of Jayanna, in an effort to improve safety on our streets and hold bad actors accountable.

Scan the QR code to watch a video from our street renaming ceremony in December 2025.





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UPCOMING EVENTS!

LIHEAP Day

March 26th · 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Overbrook Environmental Education Center

Spring Shredding

April 25th · 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Rose Playground

The Overbrook Night Market

May 14th · 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

63rd Street & Lancaster Avenue

Keep in touch for more information on these upcoming events and more.

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READ INSIDE FOR COMMUNITY NEWS, PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORK MY STAFF AND I ARE DOING FOR YOU IN WEST PHILADELPHIA AND THE CAPITOL IN HARRISBURG.

Money Back to the 192nd

- **\$47.65M** to the new George Hill Pump Station project
- **Millions** secured for Main Street Matters investments
- **\$1.7M** to West Philadelphia Preservation Project to help with rehabilitation of single-family row-home style rental properties
- **\$1.4M** to Media Flats Development for seniors
- **\$775,000** Cobbs Creek Golf Starter House
- **\$750,000** improve roadway safety at historic Cobbs Creek Golf Course
- **\$675,000** for Friends of Granahan
- **\$200,000** to replace collapsing stone retaining wall along Nassau and Jefferson streets
- **\$150,000** Baker playground accessibility improvements
- **\$110,000** distributed to local businesses and non-profits through the SJU Grant Fund
- **\$64,313** for recycling and trash program at 35 city-owned rec centers
- **\$43,000** for City Ave. District vehicle purchase

Over \$53.5+ Million back to the 192nd!

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

In 2025, we delivered in Harrisburg and in our communities—passing legislation, advancing key priorities like the Employer Child Care Contribution Tax Credit, and providing support to thousands of our neighbors. With strong momentum and direct community impact, we're poised for a busy and productive 2026.

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Legislative
Year in Review



Served
3,060+
constituents services

Including:
506 Property Tax
Rent Rebates
1000+ Free Uber Rides
for Seniors

15+ Community Events

63 Bills Co-Sponsored

