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Progress REPORT

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 SOCIAL JUSTICE
 DISABILITY STRUGGLE AMERICA
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 EQUALITY ECONOMIC JUSTICE
 LOVE FREEDOM CHANGE
 PREJUDICE

SOCIAL OPPRESSION

2020

Year of Justice Resolutions

Legislative Resolutions

Pass Keystone Saves

- Creates a state-facilitated auto IRA retirement plan for residents who do not have one through their employer.

Pass Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO)

- Allows family and friends to ask a court to temporarily take firearms away from people who are an extreme risk to themselves and others.

Pass 30 by 2030

- Requires energy companies to buy 30% of their electricity from clean energy sources by 2030.

Community Resolutions

Mentoring

- Expand mentoring programs by supporting state grants for Urban Affairs Coalition to provide micro grants to mentoring organizations.

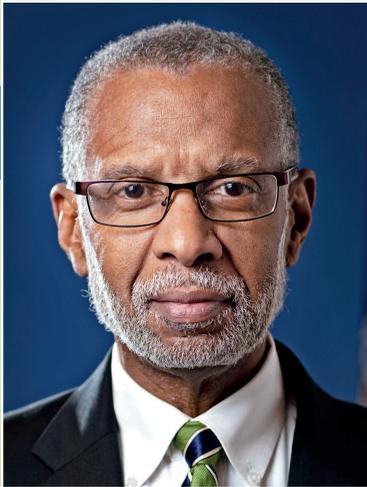
Poverty & Violence Reduction

- Work with multiple agencies and organizations to reduce violence and poverty in our neighborhoods.

Barber Shop & Beauty Salon Books

- Expand literacy for youth at barber shops and beauty salons in the 4th district.

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Participation is POWER



Dear Neighbor,

This edition of the Progress Report includes some of our 2019 highlights such as an additional \$15 for affordable housing annually, passage of the raise the wage legislation in the Senate, making mail-in voting accessible to residents, and receiving television coverage for our office initiatives over 40 times.

Now, 2020 is the Year of Justice. Our agenda includes, but is not limited to:

1. Environmental Justice

- a. Getting lead, asbestos, and mold out of our schools
- b. Requiring electric companies to buy 30% of their electricity from clean energy sources by 2030;

2. Economic Justice

- a. Moving neighbors into higher quality jobs and careers;
- b. Enacting a retirement savings plan to help people retire in dignity;

3. Social Justice

- a. Reducing the number of people on probation and parole
- b. Getting guns out of the hands of dangerous people

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."*

Be a 'Year of Justice' champion by joining a local, state, or national organization that's fighting for justice. Please share with my office what you are doing to become a 'Year of Justice' champion.

Finally, exercise your power to vote. If you're not already registered, I encourage you and anyone you know to register to vote. Please do not wait until the primary election on 28 April.

Join us for the Year of Justice

Be the light,



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THE 2019 FIGHT FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Last year, we continued fighting for everyday people by working to increase the minimum wage and proposing solutions to help reduce poverty.

My Senate colleagues and I passed legislation to increase the state's minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.50 per hour by 2022.

This would give workers a \$4,680 raise and save \$30 million in state assistance annually.

We still have work to do. We need to make sure the minimum wage continues to increase as the cost of living goes up, increase wages for restaurant

workers stuck at \$2.83 an hour, and allow cities to increase their own minimum wage. The start of the work is for the House to pass the minimum wage legislation that we passed in the Senate. We will continue to advocate for a fair wage of \$15 an hour.

To further reduce poverty across Pennsylvania, we conducted a Poverty Listening Tour in Lock Haven, Erie, McKeesport, Germantown, and Scranton. The report from this tour offers 20 recommendations, including providing childcare on late nights and weekends, investing in more affordable housing for those in need, providing more transportation, and increasing pay. These recommendations will help to bring hardworking people out of the poverty box holding them back. Read the report online at <http://www.senatorhaywood.com/poverty>.

CHAMPION CITIZEN ADVOCATE

LaQuisha Anthony's testimony as a rape survivor helped to pass Act 87 of 2019, a new law that protects child and adult sex abuse survivors by extending the criminal statute of limitations.

BY THE NUMBERS

Bills Introduced/passed
17 introduced
6 passed

- An Additional \$15 Million for Affordable Housing (PHARE)
- Raise the Wage to \$9.50 Over Two Years
- Gun Violence Awareness Day resolution

2,134
Constituents Served

227
Hosted & attended events

Grants to district
\$7,096,238

Telephone Town Hall Participants
6,027

6,027

Social Media Reach
1,210,877



Summer Reading participants:
246

Citations & Certificates
87



CRIMINAL JUSTICE: REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

Gun violence is a problem in Pennsylvania. Solutions with the most success in reducing gun violence in our communities include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Taking guns away from dangerous people.** Emergency Risk Protection Orders would allow law enforcement to temporarily take firearms from those who a court determines are an extreme risk to harm themselves or others.
- 2. Funding and supporting mentoring programs.** Youth who have positive mentors and activities are more likely to turn away from guns.
- 3. Put more effort into investigation and prosecution of illegal straw gun purchases.** Reducing illegal gun sales will keep more guns off the streets.
- 4. Support Ceasefire and focus-deterrence approaches that get those involved in crime into productive activity.**

You can support these recommendations and more. Join an organization with an emphasis on gun violence prevention and elect public officials who are gun violence prevention advocates. We must own our solutions and reduce gun violence to build safer communities.



2020 Census in Sight

Each decade, the Census allows us to determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and directs the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funds according to population. These funds help us to fix schools, roads, and improve our quality of life. Please complete the Census.

By federal law, all 2020 Census responses are kept confidential.

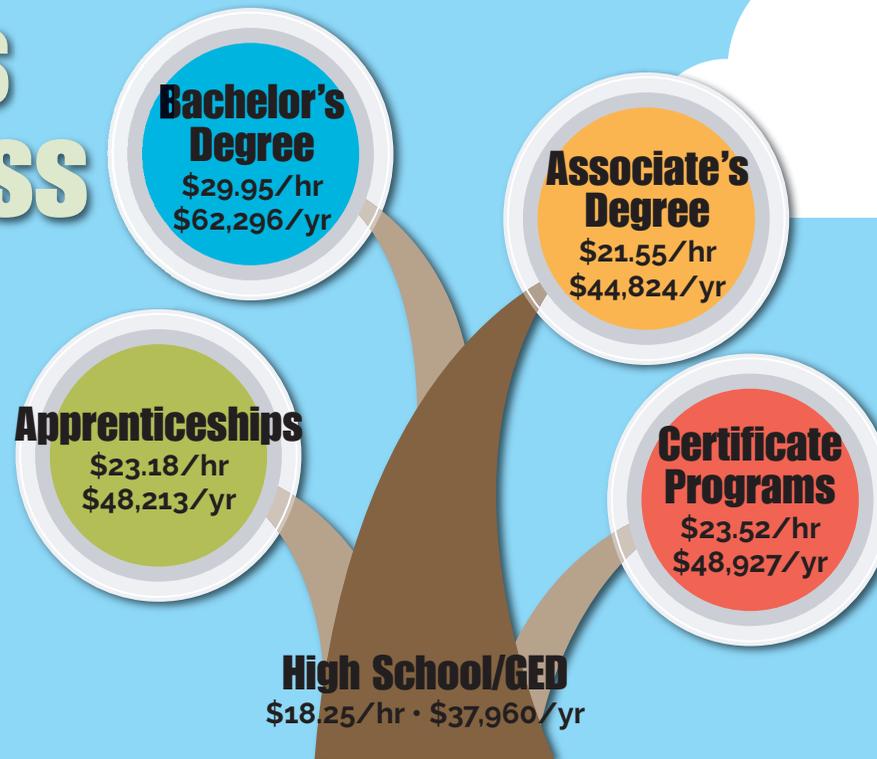
For more information, visit <https://2020census.gov>.

The U.S. Census is recruiting thousands of people nationwide to work on the 2020 Census count. Census workers in Pennsylvania will earn \$16.50 to \$27.00 an hour.

Call 1-855-562-2020 for more information.

Branches to Success

**Average hourly and annual salaries*



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

ART IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



To celebrate the passage of \$15 million additional funds for affordable housing, Senator Haywood plants flowers with a homeowner in West Oak Lane in August.



Senator James Brewster and Senator Haywood participate in the McKeesport leg of the Poverty Listening Tour, May 2019.



Senator Haywood greets a Vietnam veteran at the Abington War Memorial Park ceremony on Veterans Day.



Senator Haywood was honored alongside his criminal justice caucus co-chairs at the PA Chamber Dinner with the Allegheny College Prize for Civility in Public Life in September.



A meeting was held with elected officials, state police, and faith leaders before the No Place for Hate press conference at Keneseth Israel in Cheltenham in August.

Senator Haywood presented the Women's Community Revitalization Project with \$1 million to build houses in Germantown.





VOTE-BY-MAIL

Mail-in ballots can be used in Pennsylvania for the primary election on April 28, 2020.

The last day to register to vote is 13 April.

Please don't wait until this deadline.

Apply at <https://www.votespa.com> to get your mail-in ballot, so you can vote early.

Contact my office for more information.

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