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**PROGRESS REPORT**

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**WHAT I SAID:**

**Raising Support for Public Education:**

- ✓ I will fight to increase state funding to fifty percent of the total cost of basic education and support a fair funding formula;
- ✓ I will fight for school funding restorations;
- ✓ I will promote mentoring and tutoring initiatives;
- ✓ I will increase communication and collaboration between education stakeholders and community leaders in the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

**Raising the Wage:**

- ✓ I will be an advocate for raising the minimum wage to decrease poverty and stimulate our economy.

**Reducing Gun Violence:**

- ✓ I will lead and support efforts to reduce gun violence through commonsense regulation of firearms.

**WHAT WE'VE DONE:**

- ✓ Expanded summer reading participants by almost 120 students by adding Roosevelt and McCloskey schools;
- ✓ Held a public session at Arcadia University and received testimony on student testing and accountability for public schools as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act plan. The state reduced testing in consideration of that testimony and other information;
- ✓ Brought Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church, Salem Baptist Church of Jenkintown and Cheltenham School District together to enhance school culture at Cheltenham High School.
- ✓ Initiated restart of the raise the wage campaign for 2018 with statewide advocacy coalitions;
- ✓ Received Economic Justice Award from the Philadelphia Unemployment Project for raise pay advocacy work;
- ✓ Promoted raising pay across social media reaching 11,351.
- ✓ Led June march for gun violence awareness with Moms Demand Action;
- ✓ Co-sponsored legislation of SB501 to take guns away from domestic violence abusers;
- ✓ Held a youth forum and a series of mentoring meetings to hear how mentoring can prevent gun violence.

**PARTICIPATION IS POWER**

Visit the Citizen Advocacy Hub page on my website at [www.senatorhaywood.com/citizen-advocacy-hub](http://www.senatorhaywood.com/citizen-advocacy-hub)



## *Dear Neighbor,*

The third year of my four-year term has come to conclusion. We have built on the experiences of the last two years. We have had some wins and losses. On the wins column for this year:

- We added \$3,663,264 in grants to the district for job creation;
- We led the creation of the first permanent exhibit of African American Trailblazers in the Capitol building in Harrisburg;
- We pushed for a full investigation of the racial slur incident against Cheltenham High school students at a football game;
- Our legislation to require placing a victim of domestic violence who lives in public housing to be relocated to another public housing unit passed the Urban Affairs and Housing Committee, but awaits further action;
- And we trained over 200 neighbors on how to become effective citizen advocates, including 16 students at Project Learn.

At the same time, imposing a severance tax on shale, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation, raising the minimum wage, and advancing the transition to renewable energy all failed to pass, but we're still working. The current composition of the Senate makes success on these matters very challenging. However, I am optimistic about the future.

*Dare to Care,*

**Art Haywood**  
**Senator – 4th Senatorial District**



# Harrisburg Update

The 2017 year finished with mixed results. On one hand, the 2017-18 state budget finally passed in October. The GOP majority in the legislature was unwilling to raise taxes to pay for the real cost of State Police, higher education, incarceration, public education, health care and nursing home care. As a result, we suffered another expensive credit downgrade that make us pay more for borrowing. In addition, without added money, the budget includes \$1.5 billion dollars in borrowing and expanded gambling to cover the basic operation of the state government.

Businesses and our communities want a skilled workforce to strengthen Pennsylvania. My fair share proposal to tax

capital gains, dividends and royalties at a higher rate than wages would generate sufficient money. These funds would allow us to invest in the education our state needs so that businesses will come to our state for our superior workforce.

Beyond the budget, we finally approved health coverage for children under the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Proud to say that the U.S. Congress did the same. My legislation to relocate victims of domestic violence in public housing passed through committee and is under consideration. Although the GOP-controlled legislature passed the unconstitutional abortion controlled law SB3, Governor Wolf vetoed it and we will defend the Governor.

## By the Numbers: 2017

E-news/Budget Watch Subscribers

7,763

1,312,044

Social Media Reach

\$10,468,119

Grants to District over 3 Years

2

District  
Offices

7 Press  
Conferences

Tele Town Hall  
Participation  
3,880

Neighbors Served  
3,129



6  
Neighborhood  
Town Halls

## Raise the Wage

**T**his year is the time to raise the minimum wage. Hard work rewarded with decent pay is a state necessity. Pennsylvania has not raised the



minimum wage since 2006, and hourly employees are left to suffer and do without, often struggling to survive. Proposed legislation is in the works to raise the wage to \$15 per hour. The increase would be determined based on the annual cost-of-living increase. Raising the minimum wage means raising the pay of hourly workers. Not only does the increase in wages help hourly employees, it helps improve the economy of the state.

More money in the hands of consumers boosts spending which is good for business and communities. Small business owners support raising

the wage. Furthermore, reliance on public assistance for food and housing decreases when employers pay a decent wage.

## 2018 Legislative Agenda

**T**his year will be a year to move forward on issues that matter most to the community. These are some of the top priorities that I will continue to focus on moving forward.

- **Raise the Minimum Wage**

Raise the wage for \$15 per hour.

- **Take Guns Away from Abusers**

Require domestic violence abusers to turn their guns over to law enforcement.

- **Private Retirement Savings Plan**

Create a state managed retirement savings plan for 2.1 million private employees in workplaces with no retirement plans, to be administered by the Treasury.

- **Small Business Bonding**

Promote participation by small and disadvantaged businesses in government contracting by creating targeted initiatives that would enable them to compete for government contracts and establish a training program.

- **Alternative Energy Act**

Increase the state's share of electricity that comes from renewable energy.

With your participation and support, we can make this another positive year for the district.



## Real ID

**P**ennsylvania is moving forward to comply with the federal REAL ID law, which requires states to ensure their driver's licenses or state ID cards have additional security measures to enhance public safety. The Federal Government passed the REAL ID Act of 2005 upon recommendation by the 9/11 Commission, which found lax security measures in state IDs that could be used by terrorists to board flights or enter other secure areas like federal facilities or nuclear power plants. Pennsylvania received several extensions to be REAL ID-compliant. Since then, the Pennsylvania legislature only authorized PennDOT to start

developing REAL IDs last year. PA's current extension goes through October 10, 2018, but PennDOT is confident it can get another extension



before it's ready to roll out REAL IDs in Spring 2019. Citizens should know a few important points: First, the date for REAL ID compliance is for PennDOT to be ready and able to distribute REAL IDs, not for you to have one by that date. PennDOT will let you know

when you can get a REAL ID, but you can still travel without restriction in the meantime. Second, you are not required to get a REAL ID; you can use other compliant ID, like a passport, to access these facilities. Third, if you want your driver's license or state ID to be used as a REAL ID, you will be able to obtain one after Spring 2019 when you would normally renew your license. To obtain a REAL ID, you will need the following documentation: original or certified birth certificate or passport, Social Security card, proof of any legal name changes such as a marriage license or family court order, and two proofs of current address such as utility bills. Please follow me on social media for any updates on REAL ID.



# ART

## IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



▲ Senator Haywood and State Treasurer Joe Torsella greet and entertain an area resident signing up for healthcare at the final stop of the ACA Enrollment Mobile Tour at the Lonnie Young Recreation Center in Germantown.



▲ Local leaders and Senator Haywood are pictured outside of the Brookdale Pump Station for a mock check presentation and press conference in Glenside, PA.



▲ Senator Haywood joins neighborhood residents, local leaders, Free Library President and Director Siobhan Reardon and Congressman Dwight Evans at the grand re-opening of the Lovett Memorial Library in Mt. Airy. The Free Library received a million dollar grant through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.



▲ A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on North Broad Street to celebrate the opening of once restricted parking spaces to the neighborhood. Senator Haywood is pictured along with community leaders.



▲ Assistant Township Manager Mike Taylor and Township Manager Don Berger give Senator Haywood a tour of the new Springfield Township Administration Building.



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