

state senator
Art Haywood

Progress REPORT

Winter 2021

Serving the 4th District in Mount Airy, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, West Oak Lane, Cheltenham, Springfield, Jenkintown, Rockledge, and Abington

Dr. Ala Stanford administers the COVID-19 vaccine in Philadelphia in January 2021.

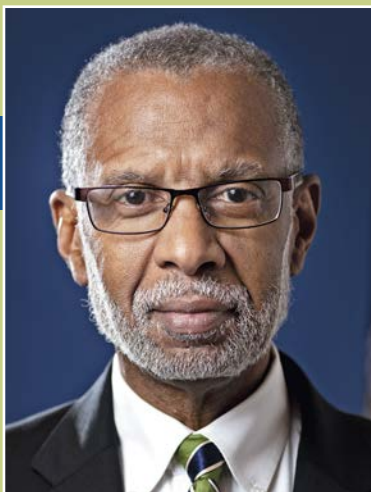


HOW WE TOOK ON COVID-19

- **\$54 Million in Housing Relief to 16,000 renters**
- **\$10 Million to Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium**
- **Office Reopened from June to November**
- **Distributed over 650 \$100 gift cards from Donors to Food Banks and Neighbors**
- **\$3.4 Million to 234 Small Businesses**
- **48 PPE Kits Distributed to Businesses**
- **Assisted 8,300 Pennsylvanians with Legal Services**
- **Assisted 665 Neighbors with Unemployment Compensation**

INSIDE:

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Participation is POWER



Dear Neighbor,

This has been a difficult year with many neighbors facing loneliness, food insecurity, job loss, closure of businesses, death, and illness. My mother, Virginia Haywood-Smith, and Donna Day Lewis, the wife of my Chief of Staff Dwight Pedro Lewis, both passed in 2020.

Our response to COVID-19 included advocacy for \$10 million for Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium, \$193 million for housing relief, and \$200 million for small business assistance from the Federal CARES funding. Unfortunately, the Senate leadership limited the rental housing relief distributed to \$54 million. We encouraged mask wearing and shared updates in Zoom meetings, conference calls, 47 E-news editions, and weekly Facebook Lives.

Due to the pandemic, my district offices closed on 13 March 2020. However, we reopened the Philadelphia office on 13 June 2020. We introduced Live Chat and assisted thousands of neighbors with unemployment compensation claims, notary services, voting by mail, and celebrating life milestones. In accordance with the mayor's guidance, we closed the Philadelphia office on 13 November 2020.

We responded to systemic racism by speaking at Black Lives Matter rallies and providing an agenda for change. We organized college students who face discrimination at state universities and introduced legislation to increase police accountability.

Tremendous challenges are ahead for a just recovery from this pandemic. Low pay, closed businesses, unemployment, foreclosures and evictions, senseless gun violence, over policing, shifting to renewable energy, and college racism are among the key issues facing our commonwealth. I've reached out to the Biden/Harris administration for assistance and will continue to seek bipartisan support on the state level for change. Thank you for your support in these endeavors.

Be the light,

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BY THE NUMBERS

11 Telephone Townhalls
with 20,823
Participants

\$54 Million
Distributed for
Housing Relief



4,167
Neighbors Served

\$48,000
Mentoring Grants to 16
mentoring organizations



\$3.4 Million
to 234 Small Businesses



1,081
Neighbors Assisted with
Voting & Mail-In Ballots



State Grants to District
\$21 Million



\$10 Million
to Black Doctors
COVID-19 Consortium

Virtual Summer
Reading Camp
Participants

113



47 E-News
Editions



665

Neighbors
Assisted with
Unemployment
Compensation

point of view
Racism [redacted]
fair treatment

END CAMPUS RACISM

Racial harassment, discrimination, and exclusion is common for many students of color at the Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities. To end campus racism, I am working with the students, allies, and the PASSHE Chancellor Dan Greenstein.

This fall, the chancellor expressed that he is working with legal counsel, as well as Vice-Chancellor Dr. Denise Pearson, to require diversity training and adopt an incident reporting and response system as early as this semester.

I look forward to meetings with the university presidents and diversity officers this spring. While we fight for these changes, we need community support. To be an ally, please visit my website SenatorHaywood.com/AntiRacism to join us.

2021 AGENDA

- Enhance Mentoring Organizations
- Adopt the Private Retirement Keystone Saves Plan
- Raise the Minimum Wage • End Campus Racism
- Adopt Renewal Energy Incentives
- Expand Outreach to Neighbors

END CAMPUS RACISM IN PA

Fix the Six: ENOUGH

- End Racial Harassment and Speech
- Nurture and Retain Students of Color
- Organize Incident Reporting System
- Unveil Mandatory Diversity Training
- Generate Mental Health Resources
- Hire Faculty and Staff of Color



Join
State Senator Art Haywood
& PASSHE Students
As an Ally Now!
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ENOUGH: FIX the SIX represents the six demands of African American PASSHE students.



Mentoring Youth

- Gun violence in Philadelphia reached record levels in 2020.
- Victims of gun violence and their advocates consistently state that mentoring of at-risk youth is a key prevention solution.
- In 2020, we sponsored our 3rd conference to support mentoring organizations.
- With a grant awarded to the Urban Affairs Coalition in 2019, \$48,000 was awarded to 16 mentoring organizations at the beginning of 2020.
- Despite the pandemic, several of these organizations still provided mentoring services to youth.
- We held our 4th annual mentoring conference on Saturday, 30 January 2021.
- To support mentoring of at-risk youth, please contact UAC at 215-851-0110.

Vaccine

The first of several vaccines against COVID-19 are approved by the FDA. The vaccines are safe, effective, and free.

This year, my office participated in several briefings, including a Pfizer briefing and Committee Oversight with the Pennsylvania Department of Health. We also participated in a Penn Leonard Davis Institute seminar, Coronavirus Vaccine: Addressing Challenges in Distribution and Uptake, which provided information to the Senate Democratic Caucus.

The approved Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are now being distributed in Pennsylvania. Three hospitals in the district, Abington, Einstein, and Chestnut Hill Hospital received doses of the vaccine. Hospital employees, frontline workers, staff, residents and staff of nursing homes, and long-term care facility personnel were the first in line to get vaccinated.

Home health care workers are a priority and will be vaccinated by hospitals, FQHCs, and pharmacy partners (who have agreed to vaccinate outside of their networks). Officials hope to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations to the general public in the summer. Please contact my office for updates and subscribe to my vaccine E-news at SenatorHaywood.com.



Renewable Energy



Climate change is a current threat that we must address now. Pennsylvania has begun the process to join Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multi-state carbon dioxide cap-and-trade program that will reduce CO2 emissions from electric generation 25% by 2030. I voted against a bill that would have restricted the Governor from initiating this regulatory process. The bill is now vetoed.

Pennsylvania's current incentives for renewable energy are set to expire on 31 May 2021 unless we act now. I have joined with Republican Senator Dan Laughlin of Erie to save the renewable standards, create jobs, and build a solar energy grid.

In addition, organizations in the district received two Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Education Grants and one Alternative & Clean Energy Program grant for the Philadelphia Solar Energy Association in 2020. Now is the time to meet the climate change challenge.

ART IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



Senator Haywood attends wreath laying at a West Oak Lane cemetery on Veteran's Day.



Mt. Airy District office opened for appointments while adhering to CDC guidelines.



The McRaise the Wage rally was held in Germantown on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 2020 with over 300 supporters.



Senator Haywood hosts Aqua Check Presentation in Abington Township in December.



Senator Haywood reads to children at Lovett Memorial Library in Mount Airy in October.



Senator Haywood speaks at Black Lives Matter event in Cheltenham in June.



Senator Haywood accepts PHFA Excellence Award in Harrisburg in November.

Senator Haywood presents a grant for Bysher Field in Springfield Township in July.





VOTE-BY-MAIL

- *Pennsylvania voters cast 13% more ballots in the 2020 presidential race compared to 4 years ago.*
- *In Pennsylvania, we saw a record-breaking 2.6 million mail-in ballots during a pandemic.*
- *In Philadelphia, of the 749,317 ballots received, 374,373 were mail-in ballots.*
- *In Montgomery County, of the 513,395 ballots received, 244,436 were mail-in ballots.*

THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

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