



state senator

Art Haywood

Progress REPORT

Winter 2023

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

Senator Haywood presents a \$1 million check to Chestnut Hill Hospital in Chestnut Hill in May. Congressman Evans and the senator led advocacy to secure new ownership and save the hospital from closure.



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Participation is POWER

Dear Neighbor,



In my time as your state senator, 2022 has been both the most successful year for legislative change and the most disappointing year for community change. On one hand, as this report will show, we expanded access to childcare, so that a family of three can earn up to \$69,000 and maintain childcare assistance. We doubled money for dual enrollment, so that high school students can take college classes. We doubled money for higher-education assistance programs for first-generation students. We increased funding for affordable housing by \$20 million each year. On the other hand, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, which protected abortion rights. Mayor Kenney failed to adopt gun violence solutions that work, as gun violence soared, which caused me to sit in at his office. Once again, the General Assembly failed to raise the minimum wage, which stands at \$7.25 per hour.

What's ahead? This year, my office is focused on five core challenges that affect our communities, state, and nation:

- As the nation becomes more diverse, we are working to fill the leadership pipeline with anti-racist Black, Brown, and White leaders that embrace diversity.
- To secure women's equality, we will advocate for paid leave, which is a step towards recognizing women's worth and their significant role in families.
- To address climate change, we shall continue to push for the use of renewable energy, such as solar and wind, to decrease our reliance on oil and gas.
- To reduce income inequality, we will fight to raise the minimum wage to at least \$15 per hour.
- To attain peace in our neighborhoods, we look forward to working with Philadelphia Ceasefire in the Stronger Together effort in Northwest Philadelphia.

We can meet these challenges and create a future with determination and vigor. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "A man can't ride your back unless it's bent."

Thank you for your continued support.

Be the light,

Art Haywood
Senator – 4th Senatorial District



2022 By The Numbers

\$37 Million

Grants Awarded to 4th District



1,700 3,907

Constituents
Served



Reached via
Telephone
Town Halls



\$25 Million



Childcare Assistance

24



Community & Virtual
Events Hosted

80



Citations
& Certificates

161



Events & Meetings
Attended

6



Legislative Initiatives
PASSED by Senate

Renewable Energy

Warming temperatures around the world have caused extreme storms, rainfall, and flooding. If we don't act now and curb the use of dirty energy sources, these events may intensify. Renewable energy can replace electricity sources that create climate change. Renewable energy creates over 100,000 jobs in Pennsylvania and helps us to save the planet. In 2022, I continued to work to obtain bipartisan support for legislation to require electric companies to buy at least 30 percent of their energy from clean energy sources and support solar power in our neighborhoods. In 2023, our new legislative goal is to require companies to buy at least 40 percent clean energy by 2040.

Senator Haywood attends solar power kickoff in Germantown in September.



Childcare Assistance for Moderate-Income Families



Senator Haywood reads to students on Read Across America Day in Wyncote in March.

In July, I secured \$25 million to help moderate-income families pay for childcare. This funding is a direct result of our five-stop Poverty Listening Tour and recommendations in 2019. Now, moderate-income families can continue to receive assistance and avoid the cliff from losing child benefits. For example, a family of three can now earn up to \$69,090 and still be eligible for the Child Care Works Subsidized Child Care Program. Previously, a family of three could not earn over \$51,606 to be eligible for the program. This is a breakthrough for families in Pennsylvania. Our next objective is to secure paid family leave.



At A Glance

6 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES PASSED

- **\$105M for Gun Violence Prevention Grants**
– SB 1100
- **\$20M for Affordable Housing**
– HB 1059
- **\$13.9M for Health Equity Funding**
– 2021-2022 Budget
- **\$25M for Child Care for Moderate-Income Families**
– HB 1421
- **\$12M to Help Students go to College**
– HB 1642
- **Support for Crime Victims**
– SB 708



Senator Haywood cleans sidewalk with neighbors in Germantown in April.

Peace

In January 2023, the state followed my recommendations and awarded \$2.4 million to Philadelphia CeaseFire and \$818,000 to Mt. Airy CDC, among other organizations, to reduce gun violence in the Northwest. These organizations and others are applying proven gun violence prevention strategies in high crime areas of my district. Philadelphia Ceasefire uses the internationally recognized Cure Violence approach to cut gun violence. Mt. Airy CDC partnered with Glitter in June to conduct weekly cleaning of eight crime blocks. Since blight increases crime, we're excited to keep streets and sidewalks clean. In October, my office and the 7G's started bimonthly job fairs. Over 30 employers offered work to 70 neighbors, including formerly incarcerated individuals. Bringing jobs to high crime areas helps to build hope and reduce gun violence. We look forward to supporting the Stronger Together initiative in the Northwest, as we focus on a safe summer of 2023.

Raise the Wage

On 1 January, 23 states and Washington, D.C. implemented higher minimum wages, but not Pennsylvania. We have the lowest minimum wage in the nation. The last time the Commonwealth raised the minimum wage was in 2009. Now is the time for Harrisburg politicians to vote for dignity and respect of every worker. In June, advocates and I stressed the need to raise pay from \$7.25 per hour at a press conference at the State Capitol. In September, I helped SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania caregivers to win strong union contracts with pay raises. All workers deserve good jobs and fair pay. My office is working with advocates from across the state to raise the wage to \$15 per hour. We must support hardworking Pennsylvanians.

To learn more, participate in upcoming meetings, and sign up to be an advocate, contact my office. For updates, follow the hashtag #FightForPayInPA.

Senator Haywood joins workers at nursing home strike in Lancaster in September.



Filling the Leadership Pipeline

In January 2023, my office kicked off a series of virtual advocacy trainings to teach neighbors how to run for elected office, including school boards. While Philadelphia appoints its school board members, the remaining 500 school districts in Pennsylvania have elected school boards. Dr. Damary Bonilla-Rodriguez, School Board Director of the East Stroudsburg Area School District, and I educated viewers on how to make positive changes in their neighborhoods by serving on school boards and as local elected officials. Partners included Committee of 70, Latino Victory Project, and the Governor's Commissions on African American Affairs, Asian Pacific American Affairs, and Latino Affairs. We had over 100 participants in the trainings and 13 people who will run for school board. We are committed to diversifying Pennsylvania school boards to gain representation of all voices in school districts and communities across the Commonwealth. Since Pennsylvania is becoming more diverse, we need leadership that reflects the diversity.

Senator Haywood hosts school board training on Zoom in January 2023.



HOW TO RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARDS



Watch at senatorhaywood.com/citizenadvocacy

ART IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- ▼ Senator Haywood presents a \$1 million check to Sedgwick Theater in Mt. Airy in May.



- ▼ Senator Haywood attends Reading Promise Week at Ogontz Library in October.



- ▼ Senator Haywood encourages the community to respect officers at the Philadelphia Police 14th District headquarters in Germantown in October.



- ▼ Senator Haywood attends Health in Action Day at Farmer Jawn in Elkins Park in April.



- ▼ Senator Haywood hosts leadership breakfast at Chestnut Hill College in November.



- ▼ Senator Haywood congratulates Eagle Scout at recognition ceremony in Abington in June.



- ▲ Senator Haywood and local leaders present checks for a combined total of \$4 million to revitalize Broad & Olney in September.



- ◀ Senator Haywood accepts Cheltenham NAACP community service award in Flourtown in June.

- ▶ Senator Haywood joins Senator Collett and Holy Redeemer Hospital for ribbon cutting ceremony in Meadowbrook in May.



- ▲ Senator Haywood joins BIPOC high school students for panel discussion at Arcadia University in Cheltenham in October.



VOTER REGISTRATION

- *The municipal primary election is on 16 May 2023.*
- *Polls are open on election day from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.*
- *The last day to register to vote is on 1 May 2023.*
- *The last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is on 9 May 2023.*
- *If you have moved, update your voter registration at **www.vote.pa.gov**.*
- *Dates are subject to change. Verify information at **www.vote.pa.gov**.*

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