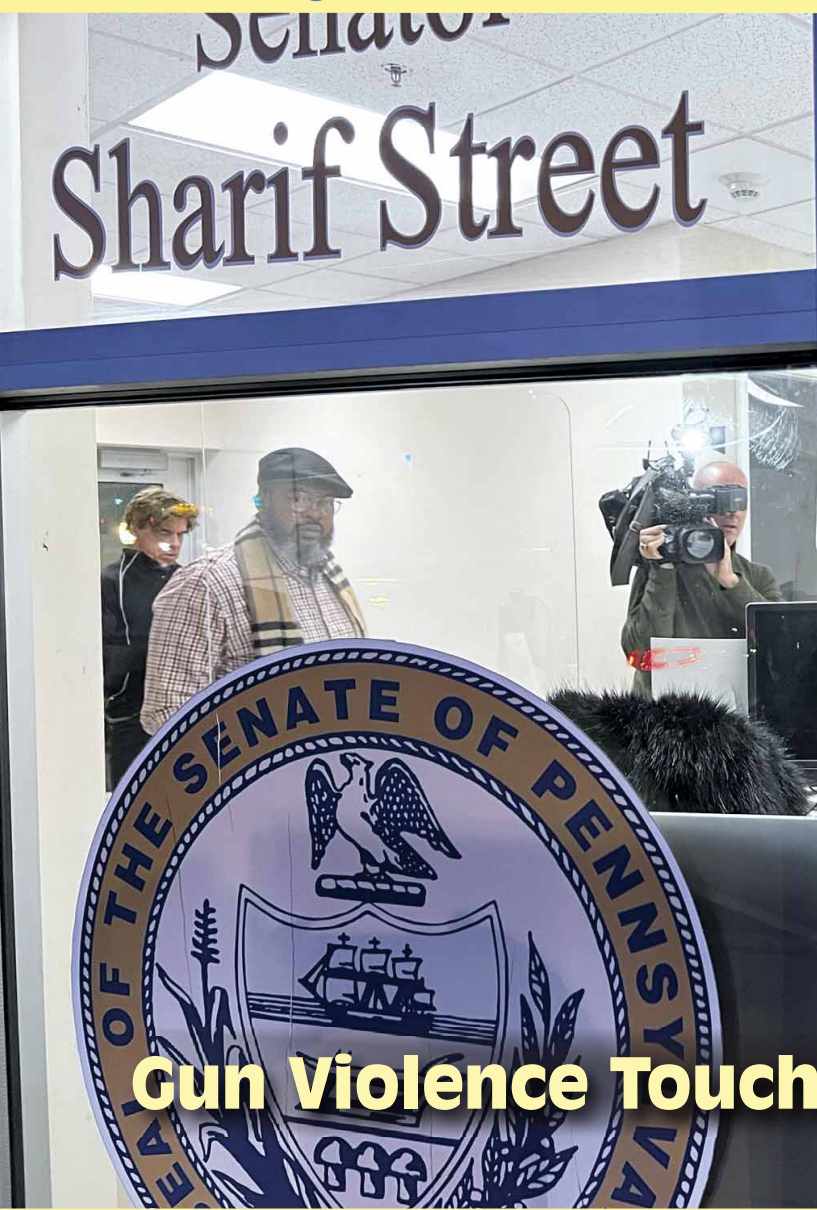




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Representing the 3rd Senatorial District

Rebuilding Post COVID WINTER 2022



Gun Violence Touches All Communities

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YOUR HEALTH DURING COVID

Get Vaxxed Get Boosted

Your Health has never been more important than now as we live in a world with COVID. I went to Harrisburg to represent you. I've led the fight on the growing number of issues that affect your health and I will continue to advocate for your needs.

I've been vaccinated and even got my booster shot! Vaccination rates, while improving, continue to lag in our communities. I've joined trusted messengers like the Philadelphia Black Clergy, Esperanza Health Center, and the Black Doctor's Consortium to ensure we remain vigilant and engaged in getting vaccinated and protecting our families. I'm also proud to announce the Black Doctor's Consortium has opened a full community health clinic in my district (2001 W. Lehigh Ave.). Visit to get vaccinated or register for vaccination at blackdoctorsconsortium.com or vaccines.gov.



PRIORITIZING STUDENTS & TEACHERS

In 2019 I walked through T. M. Pierce Elementary with Councilwoman Bass and saw asbestos and lead in the environment. We immediately called on the Philadelphia School District to remove our kids from the facility, with a pledge to replace the building to ensure student and teacher safety. I'm proud to announce we have broken ground on building a new facility for T. M. Pierce Elementary.

Lead and asbestos led to the closure of many Philadelphia Public Schools, followed by the pandemic which has had an even greater impact on learning for our kids. I'll continue to prioritize the health of our kids and teachers.

MORE THAN \$220 MILLION COMING FOR HEALTH CARE HEROES

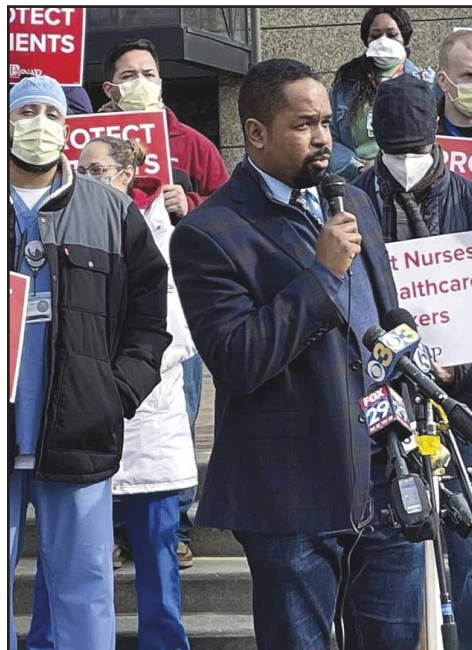
Healthcare workers have been our first line of defense against the pandemic. I've always stood with them in the fight for safe staffing limits, fair contracts and more. But COVID presented new challenges and made old ones worse. We are losing some of our most experienced talent, many nurses and health workers have retired, exhausted by COVID and a lack of adequate pay or staffing amid a

pandemic. It is critical that we show appreciation for our frontline heroes and so I'm proud to announce more than \$220 Million in new funding:

\$110 million for high need hospitals

\$100 million for recruitment/retainment

\$15 million for nurse student loan forgiveness



There is more work to be done, but this is an important step in making sure hospitals and healthcare systems have the resources to make the changes healthcare workers have asked for and certainly deserve. We still need additional funding for high Medicaid utilization hospitals, to fund hospitals at reimbursement levels that allow appropriate staffing levels and healthcare workers must be allowed to take the appropriate amount of sick time to recover so they are healthy for the long term.

GUN VIOLENCE: It Takes All of US

On July 4th, 2021 I lost my nephew, Salahaldin Mahmoud, who we call “LaLa”, to gun violence. It was unusual but not shocking, tragic but not unexpected to find myself in a scenario too many families in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania have had to endure, burying a loved one.

Poverty and crime are positively correlated, which means when poverty or hardships increase so does crime. COVID mitigations caused an abrupt stop to recreational activities, in person learning, most social activities, and decreased employment. At the same time gun purchases increased during the pandemic.

We are experiencing a national phenomena of gun violence, not unique to our city or country. As rates of violence in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Erie, Reading, and Pittsburgh are all rising, it is time the Pennsylvania General Assembly do something about gun violence.

WHAT WE’VE DONE

In September 2021, Governor Wolf and PCCD announced the availability of \$24 million in Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP) funding for grants and technical assistance to address community violence



throughout the Commonwealth.

On December 1, 2021, \$15.7 Million in community violence prevention grants were allotted by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. In January 2022, funding for a second round of VIP grant awards was awarded, with an additional \$15 million followed by another increase of \$23 million for 25 VIP projects. Even with this historic investment there are more than \$100 million in requests from community violence prevention groups that continue to call for help in doing the critical work in keeping communities safe.

PENNSYLVANIA CRIME PREVENTION CAUCUS

In October I convened a bipartisan Crime Prevention Caucus with Democrats and Republicans of both the PA House and Senate. We’ve engaged communities and stakeholders across PA who have identified the needs and challenges around community safety. While I continue

to work toward gun reform there are things we can do now to affect the daily cycle of violence in our communities. At a minimum we should dramatically increase funding for safe corridor programs, violence prevention programs, youth sports activities, PTSD training and treatment, and crisis intervention workers.

MORE MONEY PROBLEMS?

With historic federal funds in Harrisburg, \$9 billion in American Cares Act Dollars, we have a responsibility to aggressively fund proven programs and services to positively affect violence and keep our communities safe.

\$1 BILLION IN FUNDING

I am calling for funding of \$333 million per year for 3 years, targeted:

**\$100 million for the
city of Philadelphia
\$233 million
for Pennsylvania**



This is a problem that affects all communities, we all have a responsibility to contribute to our community’s safety however we can. For resources for survivors of gun violence visit

www.senatorsharifstreet.com/gunreform

Students from YEAH Philly present at the PA Crime Prevention Caucus Community Violence Prevention Summit

INVESTING MORE THAN \$17 MILLION INTO OUR COMMUNITY

Proud to bring more than \$17 million in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grants for North Philadelphia. We advocate for these projects because they are the kind of investments in hard and human infrastructure that will sustain our communities now and make them viable for years to come.

- **Sharswood Grocery Outlet II (Sharswood 1 LLC)**
\$2,125,000 – The project will construct a grocery store and shopping center.
- **Temple Center for Anti-Racism and Africology/African American Studies**
\$1,300,000 – This project creates a new Center for Anti-Racism.
- **ODAAT (AFCOM Renovation)** \$1,000,000
Recovery facility improvements.
- **Youth Development & Community Empowerment Center II** \$2,500,000 – World-class basketball and youth development-focused nonprofit community center.
- **Called to Serve CDC (Zion Baptist Church Annex)**
\$500,000 – Renovation.
- **Police Athletic League of Philadelphia**
\$1,000,000 – Constructing, renovating, and/or improving six PAL locations.
- **Logan West Association LP** \$500,000
New 120,000 square-foot retail center.
- **Girard College** \$750,000
High School Science Center.
- **Independence Mission Schools (DePaul Campus Expansion)** \$500,000 – Preschool and Gym.



- **3031 N. 21st Street Senior** \$2,000,000
56 senior affordable housing units.
- **AD Fairmount Property Partners (2700 N. Broad Street Philadelphia)**
\$1,000,000 – Grocery store, housing and commercial space.
- **1315 Windrim Avenue (WES Corp.)**
\$1,750,000 – State-of-the-art healthcare facility/business service hub.
- **PATH Project (Tioga District Capital Management Group)** \$750,000 – Improving streets and pedestrian walkways.
- **Esperanza Opportunity Community Land Trust (Nueva Esperanza Inc.)** \$1,000,000
8 to 12 new units of affordable rental housing.
- **Einstein Hospital**
\$1,000,000 – Emergency Department and Trauma Waiting Room.

ANNOUNCING NEW ROUND OF URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANTS

In 2019 I authored the Urban Agriculture Grant Program which passed with Pennsylvania's First Farm Bill. Since then, 93 programs have been funded, providing food justice, locally sourced fresh

produce, and support for community gardens in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. I was proud to join Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding in announcing 23 new grant recipients for 2022 and awarding a \$50,000 grant to Christa Barfield, founder of LifeLeaf Organic Farms (FarmerJawn Agriculture). We toured the new farm in Elkins Park that will be home to the Redefining the Corner Store program, which will feature a nano-farm, corner store and

kitchen/market to serve the local community.

Our communities are healthier and more sustainable with equitable access to fresh produce which also promotes a cleaner planet. Our carbon footprint is affected not only by what we eat but by where what we eat is grown. Locally sourced fresh produce is better for our communities and for the planet as well.

Learn more about these grants by visiting: www.senatorsharifstreet.com/agriculture



HOUSING SCARCITY MUST BE ADDRESSED

I like many, am filled with remorse following the devastating news of a fire in Fairmount which killed twelve people, including eight children in my district. Government can and must do better. The number of people inhabiting the duplex was many times that which it should have been. Let's be clear. This is not a choice people make when there is an abundance of, or even adequate, resources. There is a scarcity issue that must be addressed. Housing is a fundamental right. It is security. It is dignity. Affordable, accessible housing is one way government fulfills our constitutional mandate to keep communities safe. It is our responsibility to provide it. I applaud our courageous first responders who reacted quickly

and prevented further loss of life.

What We're Doing

I, along with my colleagues, have worked with these families to provide resources as they rebuild. We've engaged to convene the 23rd Street Task Force, a group of organizations focused on providing critical services as the families work to rebuild. Senators Nikil Saval and Christine Tartaglione, Representatives Donna Johnson Bullock and Danilo Burgos, Congressman Dwight Evans and Council President Darrel Clarke have joined me in this effort.

I've also convened a Pennsylvania Senate Policy Hearing to investigate

affordable housing policy and housing scarcity and contemporary homelessness to identify ways in which government can and must improve.



Covid-19 revealed many of our disparities especially for those with proximity to the criminal justice system.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE: I will continue to fight for these reforms

We continue to push our colleagues to advance policy with dignity that ensures both moral and fiscal sense

- 1. Reprieve and Medical Parole:** Those who have served decades in jail and are advanced in age are not public risks and are more susceptible to dying due to COVID. We worked to offer legislation to parole or offer reprieve to the sick and elderly behind bars.
- 2. Reforming Life without Parole:** In Pennsylvania hundreds are sentenced to life without having killed anyone, we also incarcerate thousands of aging prisoners with mounting

medical costs that pose no public risk.

- 3. Ending cash bail:** Protecting the presumption of innocence is core to my belief. Almost half of all the incarcerated have been convicted of no crime but are too poor to post bail. Bail should center public safety but instead criminalizes poverty.
- 4. Legalizing cannabis in Pennsylvania:** I'm proud to be the prime sponsor of the first bipartisan bill in Pennsylvania to legalize cannabis, end the war

on people and expunge records for low level cannabis offenses.

- 5. Repealing the death penalty:** MLK called "against the better judgment of modern criminology."
- 6. Ending incarceration:** For those unable to pay fines or restitution and creating legal representation in forfeiture proceedings.
- 7. MMJ Home Grown:** Allowing Cannabis Patients who can't access or afford medicine to grow their own at home.



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We've seen a national effort to silence the voices of black and brown voters, which has prompted President Biden to forcefully advocate for passing the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which is the reauthorization of the 1965 Civil Rights Act and The Freedom to Vote Act. The 2020 General Election saw record minority participation across our nation.

As Democratic Chair of the State Government Committee and Committee on Special Elections I've worked to ensure your right to vote in a free, fair, and secure election free from partisan manipulation. I've also had a role in redrawing Congressional lines where I worked to prioritize your voice and voting power by ensuring adherence to constitutional mandates which include protecting the Voting Rights Act and working to keep communities from being broken apart.

Be vigilant and stay engaged. Make a plan to vote and vote early.



Visit www.senatorsharifstreet.com/how-to-vote

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