

COMMUNITY SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM



Criminal Justice Reform: Senator Street honored the life of fallen Temple University police officer, Sgt. Christopher Fitzgerald.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Historic funding for law enforcement and community groups (\$295M in the 2022 Budget) led to a 20% reduction in gun violence in Philadelphia in 2023, but there is much work to be done. A reduction in Violence Prevention Grant funding will make it more difficult to continue the progress, but we continue to advocate for an increase. I thank Governor Shapiro for ensuring recurring funding (of \$45M) for community groups who do the difficult work of keeping our communities safe. We're proud of the work we've done in 2023 to fund them as well as provide resources for victim services.

VICTIM SUPPORT:

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| Central Division Victim Services | \$446,337 |
| Concilio | \$175,966 |
| Temple University Victim Support | \$421,500 |

\$1,043,803

COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANTS:

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| Impact Services Group | \$2,981,734 |
| Big Picture Philadelphia | \$2,181,936 |
| Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia | \$247,070 |
| Caring People Alliance | \$417,043 |
| Central Division Victim Services | \$371,663 |
| Nicetown Community Development Corporation | \$900,000 |
| Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates | \$1,500,000 |
| Tioga United, Inc. | \$143,497 |
| Uptown Entertainment & Development Corporation | \$74,730 |
| Temple University - of the Commonwealth System of Higher Education | \$2,400,072 |

\$11,217,475

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

A broad bipartisan coalition of support including groups from law enforcement, faith groups, business leaders, civil rights organizations, and criminal justice advocates has formed and is committed to reforming the criminal justice system while keeping communities safe.

PROBATION REFORM (SB 838)

Probation is supposed to be a pathway out of the criminal justice system. Instead, the system has too often become a probation-to-prison revolving door. Technical violations, such as a minor traffic offense, can perpetually extend the clock on an offender's term and result in re-confinement. **New legislation (SB 838) along with new guidelines from the PA Sentencing Commission puts important parameters in place to ensure technical violations no longer feed recidivism and contribute to mass incarceration.**

CLEAN SLATE 3.0

The expansion of the existing Clean Slate law makes low-level, non-violent drug felonies with a maximum sentence of 30 months eligible for automated sealing. It includes petition-based sealing of a few other nonviolent felonies and reduces the waiting period for automated sealing of misdemeanors to 7 years. It also reduces the waiting period for sealing a summary offense to 5 years.

AUTO-EXPUNGEMENT OF PARDON

Anyone who received a full pardon from the Governor will immediately have their record expunged. Previously Pennsylvanians would have to approach the courts to file individual petitions of expungement for each docket, accruing hundreds or even thousands of dollars in legal fees and processing. The previous expungement process created financial obstacles that punished the impoverished and was inconsistent with the spirit of redemption. **These critical pieces of legislation will allow men and women who have reformed themselves to move forward with their lives.**

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

This is good progress, but we have much work to do in reforming our criminal justice system and ending a culture of mass incarceration. I will continue to fight for:

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



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GET READY TO VOTE!!

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

I'm proud to announce Governor Josh Shapiro has made Pennsylvania an auto voter registration state. Now when you obtain or renew identification cards and driver licenses, if eligible, you will be automatically registered to vote.

EARLY VOTING

Beginning 50 days before each election, you are now able to go to the Board of Elections and vote in-person, regardless of where you live in Philadelphia. That means for the Primary Election (Tuesday, April 23, 2024) you can start voting as early as March 4th. For more information about where and how to "Early Vote," check out our website at SenatorSharifStreet.com/how-to-vote

MAIL-IN VOTING

You may now vote by mail-in ballot. To do so, simply apply for a mail-in ballot by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. You do not need to provide a reason or excuse if you want to use a mail-in ballot. You can return your voted mail-in ballot by mailing it to the Board of Elections using the envelope provided, or you can drop it off in person at the Board of Elections' office. Whichever way you choose, the Board of Elections must receive your voted ballot by 8 p.m. on election day in order for it to be counted.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline to register to vote in-person, online or by mail is now 15 days before an election. You must register by Monday, April 8th to participate in the April 23rd Primary Election. You must also be registered by Monday, October 21st to participate in the November 5th General Election.



Congratulations to Mayor Cherelle Parker on a historic victory in becoming Philadelphia's 100th mayor.

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LET'S GROW PA

WINTER 2024



Senator Street is joined by 200 Philadelphia H.S. students who marched to Harrisburg to advocate for school funding and safe communities.

INSIDE: Your Health at Home | Prioritizing Education | Investing in Our Community
Fighting Hunger | Progress In Criminal Justice Reform | Get Ready to Vote

YOUR HEALTH AT HOME

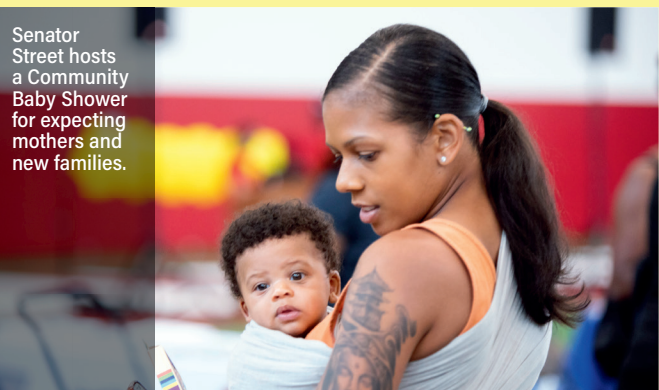
In my role as your state senator, I continue to use every resource available to positively impact your health. Our communities have long struggled with equal access to healthcare and things that positively impact our health. Health is holistic, and in a world of COVID it is critical that we address your health in a comprehensive way.



African American Health Walk.

BLACK MEN’S HEALTH:

In 2023 I teamed up with the African American Male Health Agency to sponsor the African American Health Walk. This event featured a 5k run/walk to promote getting active and multiple on-site health screenings for at least 300 men. Medical doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other professional medical staff volunteered with us to serve the community directly, performing health examinations for: blood pressure screening, glucose levels, prostate exams, STD testing and more.



MENTAL HEALTH

In 2023 I partnered with Fun Times Magazine and 988 Diaspora Campaign to break the negative stigma of seeking mental health treatment in the community.

“Breaking the Stigma & Healing the Trauma”

We worked to provide independent, culturally competent mental health providers discussing ways to break down the stigma associated with seeking mental health treatment. The 988 Diaspora Campaign is initiated by Fun Times Magazine and funded by the Knight-Lenfest Local News Transformation Fund.



MATERNAL HEALTH

For the past two years our Community Baby Shower has been a great resource for expecting mothers and new families.

The mortality rate of black women is alarming and deserves our immediate concern and consistent effort to turn the tide.

We've partnered with numerous organizations to provide community members with prenatal care, resources – like bassinets, diapers and formula – as well as other services critical to new and expecting families.

PRIORITIZING EDUCATION

For too long Republican leaders in Harrisburg have failed to fund public schools equally and fairly. We now have the funds (Billions in Harrisburg) to fund public education fully and equally in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania. This is not only a legal mandate (following a Commonwealth Court ruling) but a moral one. As we continue to fight to make things better, I am focused on prioritizing education.

NORTH PHILLY’S NEW SCHOOL
T.M. PEIRCE ELEMENTARY

I walked through T. M. Peirce with Councilwoman Cindy Bass four years ago and saw cracked floor tiles and exposed plumbing – evidence of lead and asbestos which led to a shutdown.

I met with 100 parents, teachers and administrators to pledge state funds to rebuild it into a safe learning environment. I'm proud to have contributed state funds to build the first new public school in North Philadelphia in 70 years.

Construction began in 2021 and a new building was completed in December 2023. Thank you to all our partners in the private sector and city government that helped get it done.

Our kids deserve the best.



Senator Street welcome remarks during the ribbon cutting of the new T. M. Peirce School.



Senator Street continues to secure funding for technical career schools like North Philadelphia's PTTI Institute.



Senator Street is joined by School District of Philadelphia superintendent, Dr. Watlington, and others to fight for safe corridor funding.

FIGHTING FOR SAFE CORRIDORS

If students don't feel safe, we can't expect them to focus on learning. During budget negotiations I fought for \$50 million for Safe Corridors across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia. I'll continue to fight to secure these funds as school corridors play an important role to our youth and their education. These are pathways students take to and from school buildings and the perimeters of the schools where children congregate. Too often we see incidents of crime and violence impacting the learning experiences of our students through unsafe corridors.

The \$50 million would allow for before and after-school supervision, the hiring of additional police officers, the training and implementation of volunteer safe path monitors who work in teams to collect information and deal with suspicious activity, and, in necessary conditions, the installation and use of cameras to observe and protect our students as they go to and from school.

THANK YOU, GOVERNOR SHAPIRO, FOR A PA BUDGET THAT PRIORITIZES EDUCATION!

\$33 million increase in funding for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education and a \$5.1 million increase to community colleges.

\$30 million to expand career and technical education in Pennsylvania classrooms and to increase apprenticeship opportunities.

High School students can now receive college credits while still in high school with the new dual credit program. \$7 million in funding from the FY2023-24 budget went to support dual enrollment opportunities across the Commonwealth.

\$1.34 million through the First Chance Trust Fund Program to implement scholarship programs to support at-risk students in communities with prominent high school dropout and incarceration rates.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS

INVESTING MORE THAN \$38M IN OUR COMMUNITY

I'm proud to bring more than \$38 million in grants for the Third Senate District. I 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.

A FEW OF THE MANY GRANTS...

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| 2022 Philadelphia Technical Training Institute Expansion | \$500,000 |
| Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania | \$163,750 |
| Big Picture Philadelphia | \$2,181,936 |
| Cecil B. Moore Recreation Center Renovation | \$400,000 |
| City of Dreams Coalition | \$50,000 |
| Greater Philadelphia YMCA | \$14,625 |
| Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, Inc. | \$315,780 |
| R.W. Brown Boys & Girls Club Pool Improvement Project | \$500,000 |
| The Attic Youth Center | \$100,000 |



Senator Street hosts Back to School Distribution for 500 families in North Philadelphia.

THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANTS

Food scarcity is something that too many in our community continue to struggle with.

With the passage of the Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program, which I authored in 2019, we've been able to provide state support to 113 programs! The program is helping urban community gardens close the gap on food scarcity with collaborative grants up to \$50,000, and micro grants up to \$2,500.



Fighting food insecurity.

THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTIONS

Every year we team up with Nicetown CDC to distribute between 3500 and 5000 turkeys to hundreds of organizations throughout Philadelphia and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I'm proud to have spent the last 25 years building on the legacy of the Street Family Turkey Drive & Giveaway, started by my father in the 1980s. We've also distributed to organizations in the Lehigh Valley, Montgomery County, York, Harrisburg, Reading, Allentown, Bucks County and Delaware county.

RAMADAN FOOD DRIVE
6000 MEALS ANNUALLY

The Driving Hunger Away During Ramadan initiative feeds 200 people a day at community spaces throughout Philadelphia for 30 days from the beginning of Ramadan to the end. Food insecurity in the Philadelphia region deepened during the pandemic, so I teamed up with ShopRite and Philabundance to serve anyone in need during the holy month.

