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ON THE COVER: At Philadelphia City Hall with colleagues in the Senate, the House, and Philadelphia City Council along with labor leaders, business owners, and community members to call for sweeping investment in our schools, in our workforce, in housing, and in our small businesses. I'm committed to making sure that Pennsylvanians have the resources we need so that our communities can thrive.

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A Note from Nikil

Dear Neighbor,

As my team and I round out our first year in Harrisburg, we are reflecting on the joys and the hardships that 2021 has brought.

We know that this has been a difficult year for many neighbors. We have been living with the fallout from the pandemic for nearly two years. The increased gun violence reported around the country has left so many families ravaged here in Philadelphia. And severe storms have damaged our homes and infrastructure. If you have been impacted by any of these, please know that you are not alone — my team and I are here to assist right now, and we are committed, always, to working with you on the structural changes we all need to emerge stronger.

Throughout all these difficulties, we've witnessed the resilience and strength and camaraderie of the neighbors and communities of the First Senatorial District, and we've been honored to work on your behalf. My team and I have supported community projects through grants and advocacy. We've stood with workers demanding better for themselves and their families. We've fought to support the restaurants and small businesses that feed and sustain our city. We've amended legislation moving through the Senate so that it best meets the needs of Pennsylvanians, and we've introduced our own legislation to push for change to our system.

In the coming year, our focus will be on recovery: from the pandemic, from our long-standing housing crisis, from our school funding crisis, from the chronic disinvestment in our neighborhoods. And we'll be focused on meeting the ongoing crisis of climate change by ensuring that our homes and communities are strong for the challenges ahead.

As this year draws to a close and the next appears on the horizon, I wish you a happy and peaceful holiday season, and a joyous new year. My team and I look forward to the work ahead, and to all that we will build, together.

In solidarity,

Nikil Saval — State Senator

Pennsylvania's First Senatorial District

Ways We Can Help

- Unemployment Compensation
- Rental Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Workers' Compensation
- REAL ID & PennDOT Questions
- Prison Inquiries
- Driver's License
- Utility Assistance
- SEPTA Key Cards & Senior Photos
- Medicare / Medicaid
- Questions about DHS
- CHIP & SNAP
- And Much More!

A Snapshot of Our Year

Over
7,000
INDIVIDUAL
NEIGHBORS SERVED



4 IMPORTANT
POLICY WINS

(including small business loans, rental assistance, eviction diversion, and outdoor dining)

 **TENS** of **MILLIONS**
of **DOLLARS**
in **GRANTS** for the **District**

Over **150**
EVENTS
HOSTED and
ATTENDED



14
BILLS
INTRODUCED

Important Right Now

Bringing Resources To Our Community!

New Grant Announcements

- **\$1,000,000** to the Division of Aviation in Philadelphia's Department of Commerce to make much needed structural and systems updates to the tug

I'm working to ensure that state grants and funds are used for projects that will benefit Philadelphians and support Philadelphia labor with family sustaining jobs. Public money needs to be spent on public goods. Our communities need resources, and I'm committed to making sure that they receive them.

- Senator Nikil Saval

tunnels at the Philadelphia Airport! The airport connects Philly with the world, and the world with Philly, and the improvements this grant will facilitate will ensure the safety of the workers and smooth operations.

- **\$900,000** to the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation for the next phase of the Washington Avenue Connector Project! This project has received the overwhelming support of the surrounding communities and is crucial to improving travel and safety for everyone who lives, works, or travels this road. This project upholds the City of Philadelphia's commitment to Vision Zero and ending traffic fatalities.

Need Funding?

Are you part of a community group or organization currently seeking funding? A list of all potential state and federal sources of funding is on my website! Scan the QR Code here or visit my website at pasenatorsaval.com/grant-directory. The grant application process can feel daunting, but you are not alone! Contact my office for help navigating the requirements.



SCAN ME

- **\$625,000** to the Passyunk Avenue Revitalization Corporation for improvements to the Singing Fountain Intersection Project! The Singing Fountain, at 11th and Tasker Streets, is a community hub. Some 30,000 people move through this space on foot each week, not including the cars and buses taking neighbors and visitors where they need to go. I'm proud to announce this grant with Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler to increase the safety of this space and expand access to it.

COVID-19 Response

My team and I take your health and wellbeing seriously. Since we came into office, we have worked to help make sure our communities are safe from the virus and from the hardship it has caused.

In The Community: My constituent services team has made calls to more than a thousand First District residents to help connect them with vaccines. We've hosted four vaccination clinics all around the district so that neighbors can have access to the vaccine near where they live.

In Harrisburg: I introduced legislation for universal indoor masking in schools at the start of this school year to ensure students, teachers, and communities could safely return to in-person learning. Last winter, at the height of the pandemic, I introduced legislation to extend eviction and foreclosure moratoria. And this fall, as eviction and foreclosure protections have ended, I'm working to pass legislation that will help renters and homeowners stay in their homes, while simultaneously keeping landlords and mortgage servicers whole.

Resources: All Philadelphians ages 5 and older are eligible for the life-saving COVID-19 vaccine for free! Information on how to access COVID-19 testing, vaccines, and

boosters across Philly is available on the City's website: phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19. Or you can call and make an appointment: **215-685-2933**.

We are not yet through the pandemic, and my team and I continue to work for every person to have what they need to stay safe and sound during this difficult time. If you need help scheduling a vaccine or booster appointment, locating a testing site, or finding resources for yourself or your family, we're here:

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Housing is a Human Right!



I am committed to a Pennsylvania in which each person's right to safe, affordable, stable housing is protected. Pennsylvania was experiencing a housing crisis long before the pandemic began, but COVID has made this crisis worse. My team and I have focused our work on legislation to help Pennsylvanians right now. – **Senator Nikil Saval**



Equitable Housing Recovery (Senate Bill 890)

To recover from the pandemic, we need to make sure people can stay in their homes. SB890 would ensure that struggling Pennsylvania renters and homeowners receive the funding they need before an eviction or foreclosure takes place. At the same time, SB890 protects landlords and mortgage servicers from financial loss and difficulty. SB890 builds on Philadelphia's national model for rental assistance and eviction diversion.

Fair Records for Renters (Senate Bill # TBA)

The instant a landlord files an eviction, their tenant is marked with a record for years to come, even if the tenant wins the case or the case settles or is withdrawn. This record surfaces each time a prospective landlord runs a tenant screening report, causing many tenants to struggle with housing and disrupting the wellbeing of entire families. This bill would fix this false data reporting by preventing eviction filings from appearing on a tenant's record unless an eviction actually occurs.



Fair Chance Housing (Senate Bill 912)

Formerly incarcerated people experience houselessness at a rate nearly 10 times that of the general public. SB912 would amend Pennsylvania's Human Relations Act to protect people from housing discrimination based on an arrest or conviction record. This legislation was first introduced by Rep. Donna Bullock in the House, and I'm proud to continue this work in the Senate. When a person has served their time and met all their obligations, they deserve a fair chance to rebuild their life. Go to our website to find out more and add your support: bit.ly/fair-chance-pa



As we look ahead, my team and I are working on long-term solutions to the housing crisis that will let us come back stronger than we were before the pandemic. Pennsylvania has some of the oldest housing stock in the country, and we need to help people to repair and maintain their homes, make updates for their changing needs, and weatherize to cut down on expensive utility bills. And we need to do all these things while creating jobs that pay family-sustaining wages. When people can stay safe and comfortable in their homes, our communities are stabilized. Stay tuned for more on this project!

Additional Legislative Work

Statewide Nondiscrimination (Senate Bill 570)

Right now, no statewide protections exist for LGBTQ Pennsylvanians to housing, employment, or public accommodations. SB570 would prohibit this discrimination and enshrine these rights! This is the first bill I introduced in the Senate, co-sponsored with Senator Steve Santarsiero. SB570 is an important step on the journey to a Pennsylvania in which each and every person feels safe, feels welcome, and has what they need to thrive.

General Contractor Responsibility (Senate Bill 879)

Although most general and subcontractors follow wage and hour laws, workers in the industry are often not paid for all their work. These practices undermine quality businesses and efforts to be fiscally responsible. SB879 protects workers and general contractors alike by ensuring workers are paid for their labor and highlighting and increasing demand for good businesses.

You can see the co-sponsorship memos for all the legislation I'm working on here: bit.ly/saval-senate-bills.

Around the District and in the Community

When we're not in Harrisburg, my team and I are supporting the work done by the amazing residents, communities, organizations, and small businesses of the First Senatorial District!



▲ With the New Kensington Community Development Corporation, Senator Christine Tartaglione, and Governor Tom Wolf to talk about meeting community needs for resources and support.



▲ Presenting a Senate citation to Gift of Life Family House for its 10th anniversary! The Gift of Life Family House is a home away from home for transplant patients and their families, providing a safe and comfortable place to stay, ongoing care and support, and even home-cooked meals.



◀ Meeting parents from Greenfield Elementary on the first day of school! I appreciated the time spent talking with me about their hopes and concerns at the start of the school year.



◀ Celebrating the debut of the improvements to the lush Growing Home Gardens with SEAMAAC, PHS Community Gardening, Neighborhood Gardens Trust, Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler, and South Philly neighbors and gardeners.



▲ Unveiling plans for the new Welcome Center and Play Space at FDR Park! The planning process was conducted in seven languages, and more than 3,000 people participated. This shows clearly Philadelphians' devotion to FDR and its continued success.



◀ With Juntos, MILPA, VietLead, Asian Americans United, New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, and impacted loved ones at a rally to call for the release of all people detained by ICE at York County Prison. I'm fighting on behalf of every person who calls our city, and our state, home. And every person who wants to, but can't.



▲ Joining Rep. Donna Bullock to celebrate the 195th day of the year, in the 195th PA House Legislative District! It was wonderful to spend time with Rep. Bullock, Senator Sharif Street, Councilmember Katherine Gilmore Richardson, and so many friends and neighbors!



◀ Standing with UNITE HERE Philly and SEIU 32BJ to demand living wages for the essential workers at the Philadelphia Airport! Under the hardest conditions, they've made sure we have food, supplies, and medicine to make it through.



▲ At the Port Richmond Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting. It was fantastic to meet neighbors and talk about the ways that my office can be of service.



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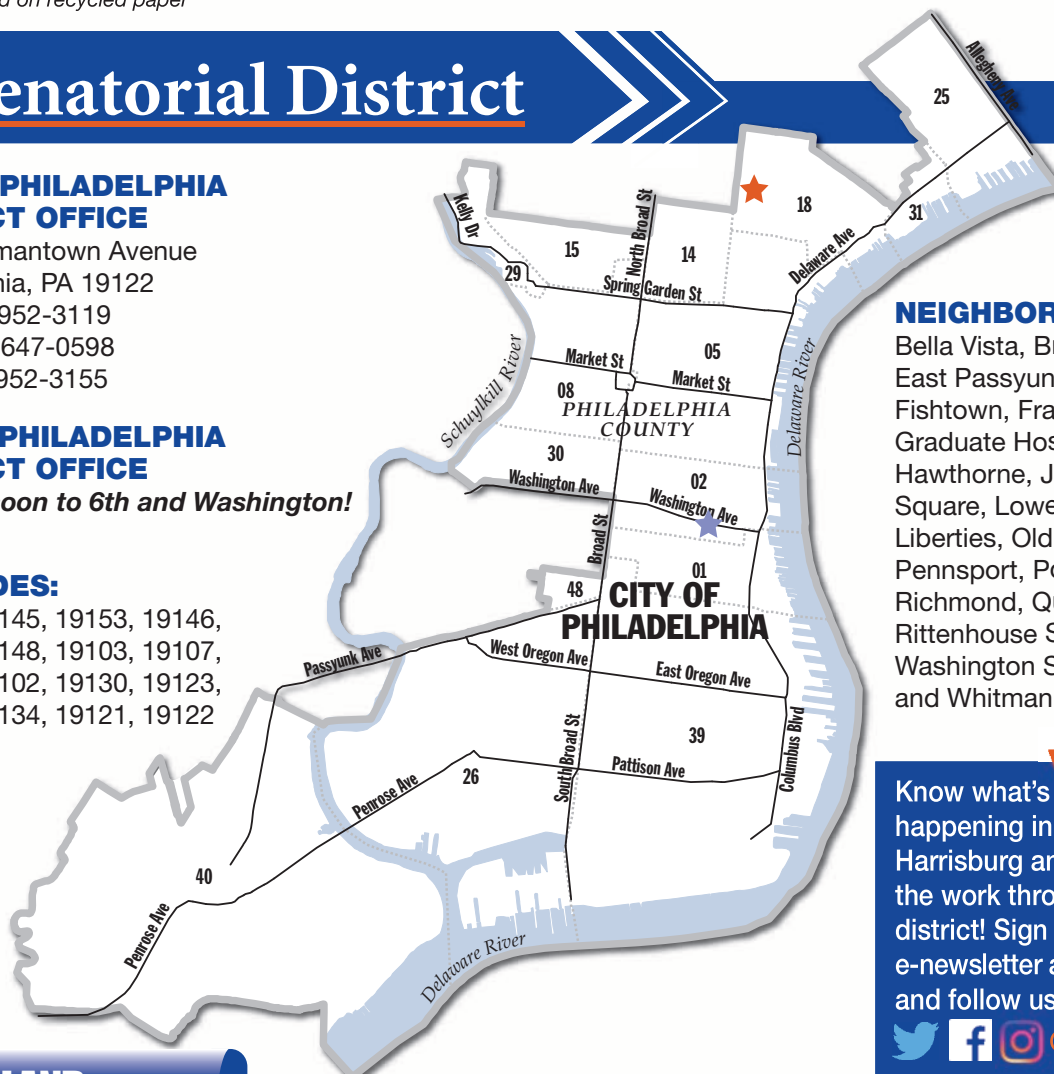
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NEIGHBORHOODS:

Bella Vista, Brewerytown, Chinatown, East Passyunk, Eastwick, Fairmount, Fishtown, Francisville, Girard Estate, Graduate Hospital, Grays Ferry, Hawthorne, Jefferson Square, Logan Square, Lower Kensington, Northern Liberties, Old City, Packer Park, Pennsport, Point Breeze, Port Richmond, Queen Village, Rittenhouse Square, Society Hill, Washington Square West, and Whitman.

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The First Senatorial District is located on the unceded territory of the Leni Lenape people, who have been and continue to be active stewards of this land today.