

# SENATOR NIKIL SAVAL

1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

Fighting for the First Senatorial District in Philadelphia and for all of Pennsylvania

Summer 2022

Senator Saval launches  
the campaign to pass the  
Whole-Home Repairs Act

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## A Note From Nikil

### **Dear Neighbor,**

**Important battles are happening all across the country – for reproductive justice, for a healthy and livable climate, for jobs with dignity, for our votes to be counted and our voices heard – and Pennsylvania is on the frontlines.** These are important, ongoing fights, and I'm committed to working with my colleagues in the General Assembly, with advocates and organizers, and with you, to enshrine these rights and meet the needs of working people and communities. **I know that when we fight, we win.**

**And in so many ways, we are already winning!** My bipartisan Whole-Home Repairs Act, which will give Pennsylvanians up to \$50,000 to repair and maintain their homes while simultaneously creating new local jobs, has gained national recognition and picked up strong bipartisan momentum. I've pushed for, and won, tens of millions of dollars in state money for local projects that will benefit our communities. And across our city, I've been so proud to support unionization efforts in coffee shops and among cultural workers, educators, administrators, and health care workers.

**And whether we're taking on the big national problems, the struggles of our state, or the hardships impacting our City and communities, my office is open and here for you always.**

**Every day, we talk with neighbors like you to make sure you receive the support and benefits you deserve.** From getting the unemployment compensation that you are owed, to accessing help for utility bills to keep your home safe and comfortable, to securing grants to pay your mortgage or rent, to identifying resources to help you care for your loved ones, my team and I are here, working tirelessly for you and for all our neighbors. **We are committed to building a world that works for all of us, without exception.**

And we're glad to be doing this work with you.

In solidarity,

**Nikil Saval** State Senator

Pennsylvania's First Senatorial District

## How We Can Help

**Whether you need assistance navigating state agencies, figuring out which resources you are eligible for, or obtaining your REAL ID, contact my office so that we can work together. Come see us for:**

- Unemployment Compensation
- Rental Assistance
- Mortgage Assistance
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate
- Utilities Assistance
- Workers' Compensation
- CHIP and SNAP
- REAL ID and PennDOT Questions
- Driver's License
- SEPTA Key Cards and Senior Photos
- Medicare / Medicaid
- Nursing Homes
- Questions about DHS
- Birth and Death Certificates
- Prison Inquiries
- Consumer Complaints and Protections
- Problems With State Agencies
- Questions About Legislation
- And Much More!

**We rely on our connection with you to stay aware of the needs in our community. We work for you, and your voice matters.**

# Important Right Now

## Housing Help

Many programs exist to help Pennsylvania residents who are struggling with their mortgage or rent payments, and my office is here to connect you with them.



**Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund:** For Pennsylvania homeowners experiencing mortgage delinquency, default, foreclosure, displacement, and utility disconnection due to hardships caused by the pandemic. This program provides grants for mortgage payments, housing-related expenses, and past-due utility bills. **Applications open now!** [pahaf.org](http://pahaf.org) | 1-888-987-2423

**Property Tax/Rent Rebate:** For Pennsylvanians ages 65+, widows and widowers ages 50+, and people with disabilities ages 18+ living on limited incomes. This program provides grants for property tax and rent payments. **Apply by June 30!** [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov) | 1-888-222-9190

**Philly First Home Program:** For first-time homebuyers purchasing a home in Philadelphia. This program provides grants up to \$10,000 to reduce the principal and cover down payments and closing costs. **Applications open now!** [phila.gov/dhcd](http://phila.gov/dhcd) | 215-686-9749

For questions about these programs, or for help with your application, contact my office! We'll work with you to receive the support you deserve.

## Jobs With Dignity

Around the country, and around our city, we are seeing a strong resurgence of unionization efforts! After more than two years of hardship under the pandemic, workers are coming together to demand better working conditions for themselves, their colleagues, and all workers.

**In Harrisburg:** I'm pushing for legislation that will protect workers from misclassification and wage theft.

**In Our District:** I've been proud to stand alongside workers from the Philadelphia Museum of Art, from the University of the Arts, and from coffee shops and local hospitals.

Philadelphia is a labor town. Philadelphians know that when workers are provided with family-sustaining wages, good benefits, safe work environments, and job security, our communities flourish.



## Grants for Our Neighborhoods

Philadelphia residents deserve to live in a city where their needs for inclusive public spaces, thriving cultural and educational institutions, and strong community organizations are met.

This spring I announced \$17.8 million in grants for local projects throughout our District! Here are just a few of the projects that my office has helped fund:

- **\$1,000,000** to the **Arch Street United Methodist Church** for internal renovations and external restorations.
- **\$1,000,000** to **Historic Philadelphia Inc.** for new public restroom facilities at Franklin Square.
- **\$1,500,000** to the **New Kensington Community Development Corporation** for the redevelopment of Kensington Avenue.
- **\$1,000,000** to the **Salvation Army** for the revitalization of its Red Shield Family Residence.
- **\$2,500,000** to the **William Way LGBT Community Center** for renovations to enhance accessibility and promote community.

Over the past six months, I've secured nearly \$60 million for local projects that will benefit our communities right now, and for years to come. I'm committed to making sure public money is used for public good.

**DID YOU KNOW:** A list of all potential state and federal sources of funding is on my website! Go to [pasenatorsaval.com/grant-directory](http://pasenatorsaval.com/grant-directory).



## A Powerful Community Votes

Pennsylvania holds two elections a year, every year! Each election is a chance to make sure your voice is heard. You can vote by mail, or in person at your polling location. In the upcoming November general election, we will vote for our U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressperson, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and State Representative.

**OCTOBER 24** Last day to register to vote or update your registration.

**NOVEMBER 1** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot.

**NOVEMBER 8** **ELECTION DAY!** Vote in person at the polls from 7am to 8pm. Mail-in and absentee ballots must be returned by 8pm.

Go to [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) for answers to all your election questions.

# From the Floor

In Harrisburg, I'm committed to introducing, supporting, and passing legislation that meets the real needs of people throughout our state. Here are some of the bills and resolutions that I've introduced this year.

## The Whole-Home Repairs Act: \$50,000 to Repair, Update, and Weatherize Your Home

In March, I introduced the Whole-Home Repairs Act (*Senate Bill 1135*), a groundbreaking bipartisan bill that establishes a one-stop shop for home repairs and weatherization while creating new, family-sustaining jobs in a growing field.

Hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvanians are living in aging, unsafe homes because they can't afford repairs. I'm proud to have introduced this bill with every single Democratic Senator and five Republican Senators signed on as co-sponsors.

The Whole-Home Repairs Act works by doing three things:

- It gives you up to \$50,000 to fix your home.
- It makes sure you have an advocate who will help you access all the support you need.
- It creates local jobs and boosts training programs by providing stipends to trainees.

We can fight housing scarcity, community displacement and instability, and the deterioration of our homes all at once by passing the Whole-Home Repairs Act.

WHOLE  
HOME  
REPAIRS



Right now, our state government has billions of dollars from the American Rescue Plan, and billions more from a historic budget surplus. This is our moment to demand real, permanent investment in our communities.

Throughout June, I'll be working to make the Whole-Home Repairs Act a priority in our state's budget. You can help win this for all of Philadelphia, and all of Pennsylvania, by adding your support at [PASenatorSaval.com/WholeHomeRepairs](https://PASenatorSaval.com/WholeHomeRepairs).

## Additional Legislation

**NURSING HOME RESIDENT PROTECTIONS:** This Spring, I joined my colleague, Senator Maria Collett, to announce a suite of legislation to bring transparency and accountability to the nursing home industry so that we can **put care first!**

Nursing homes across Pennsylvania are in crisis. It's long past time for an honest, public conversation about funding our long-term care industry. Pennsylvanians deserve to age with dignity, families deserve to know their loved ones are receiving the best quality care, and staff deserve the resources they need to provide it.

### COVID-19 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE:

On behalf of the 45,000 Pennsylvanians who lost their lives to COVID-19, and on behalf of everyone who is grieving a loved one, I announced a resolution to designate March 18 as a statewide day of remembrance for those who have died from COVID-19.

This resolution was a suggestion of my Constituent Services Representative Kimberly West, who lost her mother, Delores Hawthorne West, and who has worked tirelessly in our office to make our vaccine events successful and joyful.

### REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE:

On April 23, 2022, Pennsylvania entered the Regional

Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a program by Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while generating economic growth.

Pennsylvania is an energy state. Joining RGGI means Pennsylvania will prevent hundreds of premature deaths from air pollution, infuse our economy with money and jobs, and lay the groundwork for lower utility bills and energy burdens. This is part of the path to a new green economy in which communities and working people have what they need to succeed.

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

**1** Greeting Governor Tom Wolf at PhilaPort, the fastest growing port in the United States, for his announcement of a \$246 million grant for the port's continued success and growth.



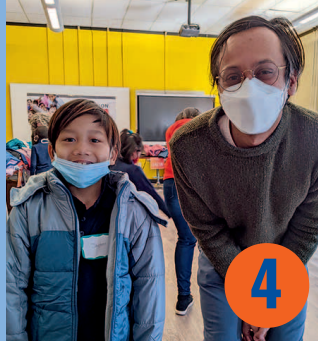
**2** Supporting our local Starbucks workers in their unionization efforts! Workers deserve good pay, reliable hours, and workplace protections.



**3** Celebrating the dedication of the Delaware River Trail. This 3+-mile path ensures safe access to the waterfront for walkers, runners, cyclists, and drivers alike.



**4** Teaming up with Operation Warm to make sure students at Taggart School had winter coats in their favorite colors that fit them just right! Operation Warm is committed to showing children they have the support of the community.



**5** Joining neighbors for the Philly Spring Clean Up! We focused our efforts on Mifflin Square Park and the South 7th Street corridor.



**6** Presenting Port Richmond with a Senate Proclamation for its 175th birthday! Port Richmond has all the best parts of Philly: neighbors who care for each other, family-owned businesses, treasured local landmarks, and a unique culture.



**7** Calling for big investments in our public schools with my colleagues, school students, family, staff, teachers, and community members at Francis Scott Key School in South Philadelphia.



**8** Celebrating Earth Day at John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge with students from Francis Scott Key School! This trip was made possible by the Greenfield HSA through their Greenfield Gives Back program.



**9** Welcoming the Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia to our South Philly Office! We love when neighbors stop by. I'm grateful for the discussion of the experiences and needs of our Cambodian community members.





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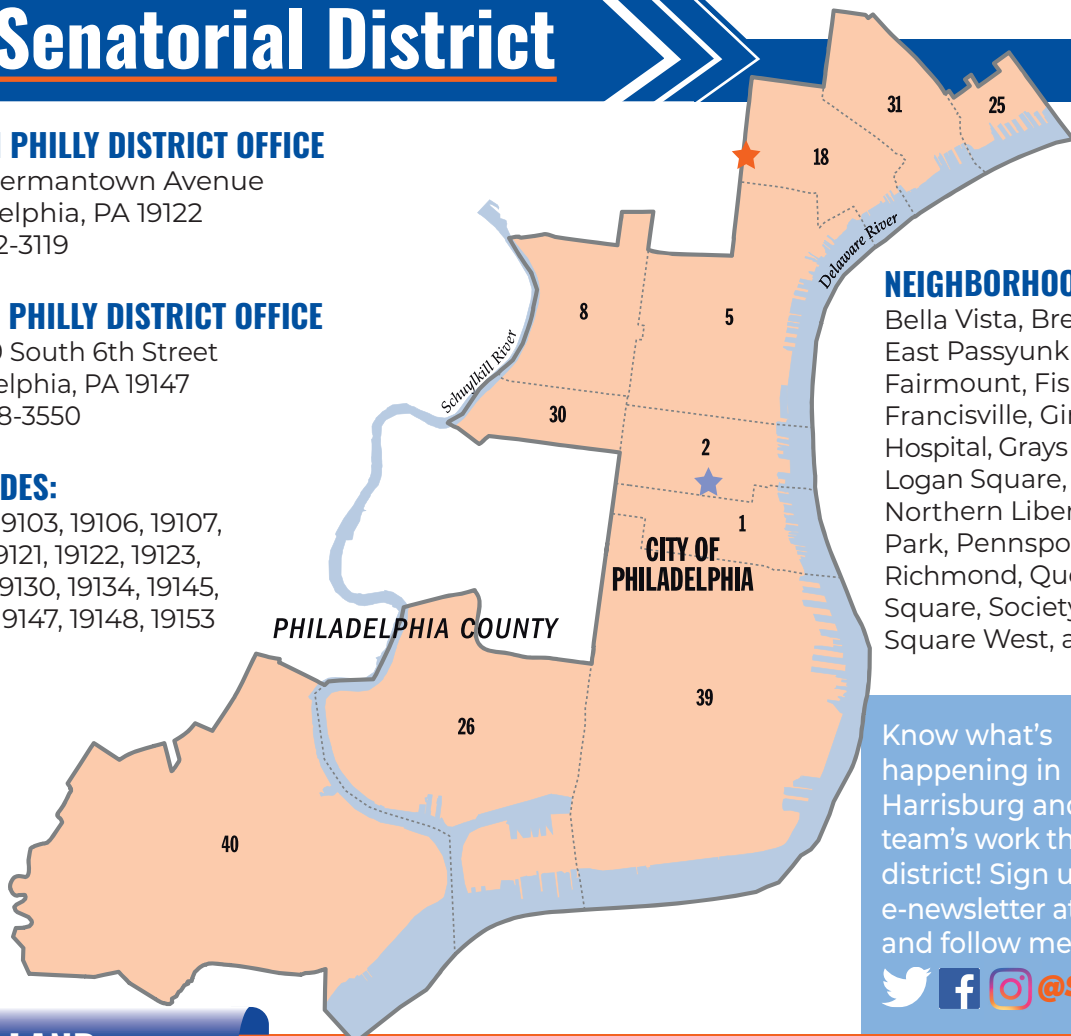
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### NEIGHBORHOODS:

Bella Vista, Brewerytown, Chinatown, East Passyunk Crossing, Eastwick, Fairmount, Fishtown, Fitley Square, Francisville, Girard Estates, Graduate Hospital, Grays Ferry, Hawthorne, 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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TO DATE**

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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