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1ST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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

## Eviction Sealing Is Life-Changing Legislation

*Communities are stronger when families have safe, affordable homes. I'm proud to work with colleagues and advocates on legislation to prevent PA families from being locked out.*

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**On the Cover:** *Across our Commonwealth, eviction records prevent families from finding stability, even when tenants have won their case or recovered from the crises that forced them to fall behind on rent. Eviction sealing legislation will protect families, strengthen communities, prevent homelessness, and save lives.*



## A Note From Nikil

**Dear Neighbor,**

*Pennsylvania is in a period of energy and momentum.*

*Last year, we won free breakfast for every school student to help keep kids nourished and allow them to focus on learning. We expanded the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program to ensure more Pennsylvanians can receive this crucial support. We passed the Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act to mandate trauma-informed care and practices in spaces notoriously cruel to women and their children. And the first round of Whole-Home Repairs Program dollars flowed into communities throughout the state, with work beginning on hundreds of homes to keep families warm, safe, and dry.*

*Our task now is to hold on to this momentum and to build on it. To do this, we need to acknowledge our current struggles and keep our focus on where we need to go. The workers we invest in today will become those who repair our homes and rebuild our infrastructure tomorrow. Allocating resources to fight the climate crisis right now will ensure Pennsylvania's people, lands, and economy remain resilient for years to come. Our support for safe, affordable housing, fully funded public schools, and higher wages will help strengthen families and bring safety, stability, and peace to whole communities.*

*So many of the victories that we witness are decades in the making. My office is committed to this work, with you, for the long haul.*

*In solidarity,*

**Nikil Saval** – State Senator

Pennsylvania's First Senatorial District

## My Office Is Here for You!

*Whether you need assistance navigating state agencies, figuring out which housing and utilities resources you are eligible for, getting a grant for your community group, or obtaining your SEPTA Senior Pass, contact my office so that we can work together.*

- **Property Tax/Rent Rebate**
- **Utilities Assistance (LIHEAP)**
- **SEPTA Senior Passes**
- **Unemployment Compensation**
- **Rental Assistance**
- **Mortgage Assistance**
- **Workers' Compensation**
- **REAL ID and PennDOT Questions**
- **Driver's License**
- **Medicare / Medicaid**
- **Nursing Homes**
- **Questions about DHS**
- **Birth and Death Certificates**
- **Prison Inquiries**
- **Consumer Complaints and Protections**
- **Problems With State Agencies**
- **Questions About Legislation**
- **Free Notary Services (Appointment Only!)**
- ... 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.*

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# By the Numbers: My Office at Work!

*I'm so proud of the work that my office has done for our neighbors and communities. Since coming into office, we've:*

**SECURED** more than  
**\$119 MILLION** in  
**GRANTS** for the First  
Senatorial District!

This is public money for public good. My office works hard to make sure that state money flows to Philadelphia to support incredible arts and cultural institutions, community groups and advocacy organizations, affordable housing, parks and green spaces, and initiatives that will bring good, family-sustaining jobs to our city.

**HOSTED** and **ATTENDED**  
more than **300**  
**COMMUNITY EVENTS!**



From resource fairs for our senior constituents, to giving away Thanksgiving meal kits, to community meetings, to tabling at grocery stores, my office works hard to connect with our neighbors, communities, and small businesses and bring resources and services to all parts of our district.



**CORRESPONDED** with  
more than **34,000**  
**CONSTITUENTS!**

We've received your outreach on the issues that matter to you and your community. We've worked to connect you with the resources and services you deserve. We make decisions on policy and legislation knowing which bills you want us to support and where you hope we'll hold the line. We've joined you in celebrating major milestones. And we've stood alongside you in struggle and in protest.



**INTRODUCED** and  
**CO-SPONSORED**  
**44 BILLS** and  
**RESOLUTIONS!**

In Harrisburg, I'm committed to introducing, supporting, and passing legislation that helps meet the real material needs of people throughout our Commonwealth; makes our built environment stronger, safer, and more resilient; and advances civil rights and cultural recognition.

The work that lies ahead builds on what we've accomplished. We need housing for all. We need public schools that serve as anchors for their neighborhood, centers of resilience, palaces of learning and community exchange. We need dignity and respect for all labor, and we need family-sustaining wages for all workers. We need safe streets and safe neighborhoods, and we need green public spaces that can help mitigate the harms of the climate crisis.

This is work that my office takes seriously. It will take all of us, as partners.

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## VICTORY FOR SAFE STREETS Automated Speed Enforcement Passes!

The successful passage of **House Bill 1284** at the end of last year made automated speed enforcement on Roosevelt Boulevard permanent and expanded this lifesaving program to five additional roads and five school zones in Philadelphia. My office received messages from hundreds of constituents advocating for safer streets, and I was proud to support this bill and work for its passage in the Senate.

This victory is a direct result of the tireless work of advocates, organizers, and Philly neighbors who collected data on the urgent need, shared stories of the impact, and created a call so loud that Harrisburg could not ignore it.

All of us deserve to move safely through our streets. The passage of HB1284 is an important step toward this vision of safety and freedom of movement, and I'm committed to advancing legislation that keeps everyone safe on their journeys.

## PENNSYLVANIA GRANTS DIRECTORY



Philadelphia residents deserve a city where their needs for inclusive public spaces, thriving cultural and educational institutions, and strong community organizations and programming are met. This takes investment! A list of all potential state and federal sources of funding is available on my website. Go to [pasenatorsaval.com/grant-directory](https://pasenatorsaval.com/grant-directory) or scan the QR code.

**Are you part of a community group or organization currently seeking funding? Contact my office for help.**

# PRIMARY ELECTION

## APRIL 23

In the upcoming April 23 Primary Election, Pennsylvanians will choose candidates for President, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congressperson, State Attorney General, State Auditor General, State Treasurer, and State Representative and State Senator. Make sure you are ready to have voice heard!

**April 8** Last day to register to vote or update your registration.

**April 16** Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot.

**April 23** ELECTION DAY! Vote in person at the polls from 7am to 8pm. Mail-in and absentee ballots must be returned by 8pm.

Our freedom to choose our elected leaders is one of our most foundational rights. Vote by mail or in person at your polling location.

**Learn more at [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov)!**



## 988: A LIFESAVING MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE

The **988 Lifeline** can be used by anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental or behavioral health, and/or substance use crisis – no matter where you are or where you live. Callers will also be given the option to reach the Veterans Crisis Line (Option 1) or a Spanish speaker (Option 2). Call, text, or chat 988 to access the lifeline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – at no cost.

# Around the Community

When we're not in Harrisburg, my team and I travel throughout the First Senatorial District to support the work of our amazing residents, communities, organizations, and small businesses!

**1** Recognizing the hard work and expansive vision of Philly's AAPI businesses and community leaders at the Asian American Chamber of Commerce holiday celebration.



**2** Partnering with Friends of Vire-Washington for their Friends Helping Friends Winter Bazaar! This incredible event was open to all families in Vire-Washington community, with the goal of serving everyone.



**3** Visiting an English as a Second Language class at District 1199C's Training and Upgrading Fund! The fund serves both union members and the surrounding community, with the understanding that when we lift each other up, all of us win.



**4** Celebrating the 100th(!) birthday of my constituent, Dorothy Roseman! It was a joy to share the festivities with her loved ones and present her with citations and proclamations recognizing the achievements of her life.



**5** Touring the facilities at Sharing Excess! Their dedicated team combats food waste and hunger in Philly by making sure surplus fresh food moves from businesses to the communities that need it.



**6** Meeting some of the talented team members at The Wilma Theater! For the past 45 years, The Wilma Theater has engaged artists and audiences in reflection on the complexities of life with bold, exquisitely crafted original works.



**7** Talking with Mark Segal, publisher of Philadelphia Gay News! For nearly five decades, Philadelphia Gay News has been part of Philly's thriving LGBTQ+ community, creating a platform for its members to connect and communicate.



**8** Connecting with constituents in Norris Square! We tabled at a local grocery store and canvassed neighbors to make sure they know how our office can be of service.



**9** Learning about the vast history of Rittenhouse Square and current efforts to preserve, protect, and beautify this vibrant, nationally renowned public space for all who use it.



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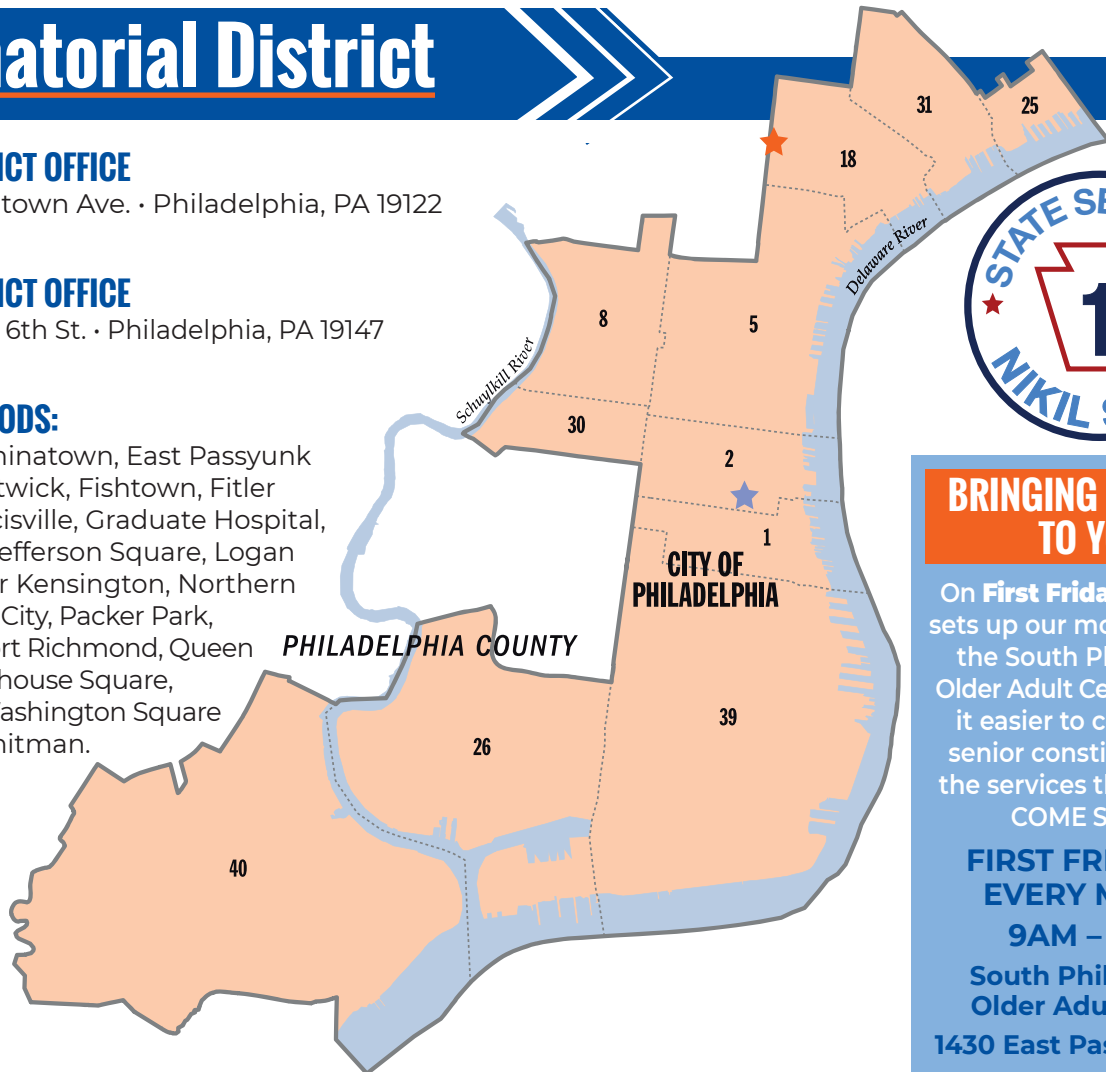
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Bella Vista, Chinatown, East Passyunk Crossing, Eastwick, Fishtown, Fitler Square, Francisville, Graduate Hospital, Hawthorne, Jefferson Square, Logan Square, Lower Kensington, Northern Liberties, Old City, Packer Park, Pennsport, Port Richmond, Queen Village, Rittenhouse Square, Society Hill, Washington Square West, and Whitman.

## ZIP CODES:

19102, 19103,  
19106, 19107,  
19112, 19121,  
19122, 19123,  
19125, 19130,  
19134, 19145,  
19146, 19147,  
19148, 19153



## BRINGING SERVICES TO YOU!

On **First Fridays**, my team sets up our mobile office at the South Philadelphia Older Adult Center to make it easier to connect our senior constituents with the services they deserve. **COME SEE US!**

**FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**9AM – 12PM**

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