

Reflecting on Progress & Wins for Michiganders

Dear Neighbor,

From securing commonsense gun safety laws and lowering costs for families to delivering investments to support vital community projects and programming, read on to learn how we've been fighting for you in Lansing. Plus, take a peek at how residents — like you! — are showing up and making their voices heard at our district coffee hours.

If you ever need assistance, have issues with various state departments, or would like to share your feedback or suggestions on specific issues or policies, please don't hesitate to contact my office via email at SenMMcMorrow@senate.michigan.gov or by phone at (517) 373-2523. My team and I are here to serve you.


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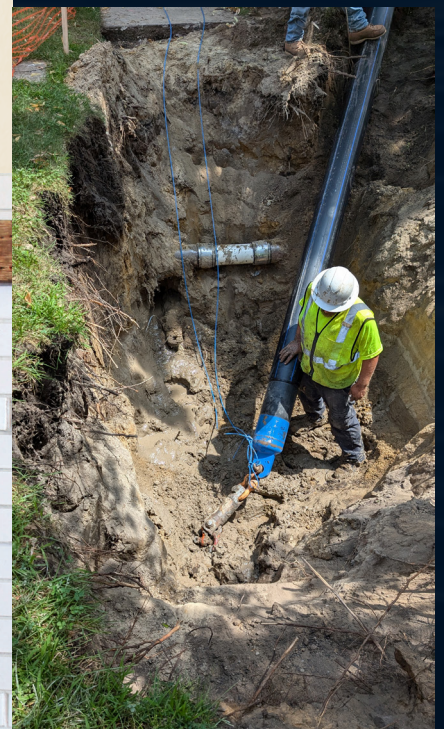
8TH DISTRICT Budget Wins

2023-2024

- \$13M: AgeWays wage increases for direct care workers
- \$10M: Marygrove Conservancy
- \$6.5M: Coleman A. Young Elementary
- \$2M: Making It Happen Foundation
- \$1.8M: Pleasant Ridge City Hall renovations
- \$1M: Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan
- \$500K: Ferndale Recreation Center
- \$380K: Berkley Community Center
- \$300K: Huntington Woods Safe Streets Grant

2024-2025

- \$7M: Detroit Zoo infrastructure
- \$2M: Oak Park water & road infrastructure
- \$2M: Starfish Family Services
- \$1M: Clawson water infrastructure
- \$1M: Detroit Blight Busters
- \$1M: Judson Center campus renovations
- \$1M: Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan
- \$1M: Oak Park Community Center
- \$250K: Violet T. Lewis Village senior living
- \$50K: Royal Oak Twp. recreational activities for youth & seniors



Funding in Action

Thanks to funds we secured in our state budget, the City of Pleasant Ridge has successfully completed a large-scale project to update the city's water infrastructure and provide **safer drinking water** to area residents. The project replaced a 100-year-old water main and 60 lead service lines on Kensington Boulevard, much-needed improvements that will last well into the future.



Let's Connect!

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on legislation or things happening in the community, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. We are here to help, and we value your feedback. You can contact us at (517) 373-2523 or by email at SenMMcMorrow@senate.michigan.gov.


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State Senator Mallory McMorrow
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- Public Act 38 of 2023:** Establishes Extreme Risk Protection Orders or "red flag" laws
- Public Act 84 of 2023:** Establishes access to ballot tracking for absentee voters, including those in the military or living abroad
- Public Act 95 of 2023:** Eliminates the sunset on cocktails to-go, cementing a new revenue stream for our local restaurants
- Public Act 254 of 2023:** Allows a county clerk to appoint a designee to conduct an election audit if a conflict of interest exists
- Public Act 317 of 2023:** Brings back blue and black retro license plates

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Track your Ballot

Senator McMorrow's ballot tracking law improves Michigan's absentee ballot tracking system. Voters can now have updates on the status of their ballots sent directly to them by email or text, and the opportunity to fix their ballot if there are any issues, to ensure your vote always counts.

With PA 84 of 2023, you can register to receive notifications directly to your email inbox. There are three ways to sign up – when registering to vote, when submitting an online absentee ballot application, or by visiting Michigan.gov/vote and clicking on the signup link.



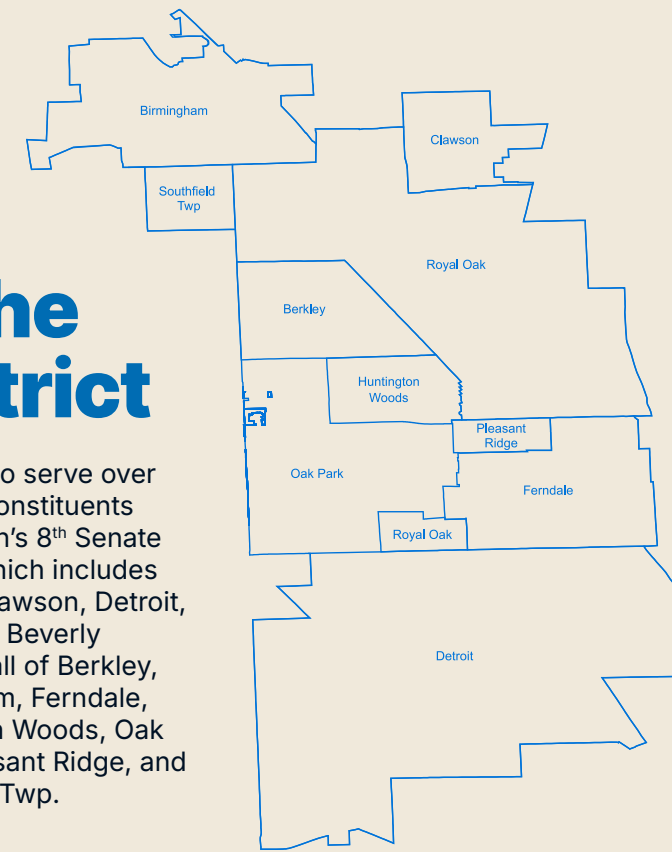
LEGISLATIVE WINS

With our first majority in nearly 40 years, Democrats hit the ground running, putting the people of Michigan first to deliver on priorities and promises to lower costs, strengthen the rights and freedoms of all residents, keep our communities safe, and so much more. Some of our major legislative wins include:

- Lowering costs for Michiganders by repealing the retirement tax & quintupling Michigan's match of the Earned Income Tax Credit from 6% to 30%, lifting over 32,000 people out of poverty
- Protecting reproductive freedom by repealing the 1931 abortion ban, eliminating medically unnecessary hurdles for IVF & surrogacy, & enshrining access to reproductive health care
- Dismantling anti-union laws so workers can fight for fair pay
- Helping keep our communities safe from gun violence by passing Extreme Risk Protection Orders, universal background checks, & safe storage of firearms
- Expanding the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to provide protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression
- Protecting fair & equal access to the ballot box
- Elevating Michigan as a national leader in renewable energy by setting long-awaited clean & renewable energy standards & increased energy efficiency targets
- Keeping our kids safe by banning child labor, child marriage, & so-called "conversion therapy"
- Improving literacy rates using evidence-based interventions in early childhood
- Strengthening unemployment benefits by overhauling some of the worst policies in the nation and increasing support for unemployed workers from \$362 to \$614 per week for a maximum of 26 weeks — up from 20 weeks
- Protecting survivors of domestic violence by keeping weapons out of the hands of convicted abusers

In the District

I'm proud to serve over 260,000 constituents in Michigan's 8th Senate District, which includes parts of Clawson, Detroit, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, and all of Berkley, Birmingham, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Royal Oak Twp.



Connecting in Clawson

Over 200 people attended our district coffee hour with Rep. Sharon MacDonell at Leon and Lulu in Clawson earlier this year. When I asked how many had never attended a state legislator's event before, most hands went up. People are stepping out of their comfort zones, getting engaged, meeting their neighbors, and learning what they can do in a moment of so much chaos and uncertainty.



Celebrating Reading Month

I read to students at several schools across the district. From story time to brainstorming what they would want to see in a community park to hugs and fist bumps, engaging with young people is one of the best parts of my job.

Supporting our Constituents



"Thank you so much for helping me with my unemployment problem. They gave me what was rightfully mine today. I will never forget you. Thank you again!"

James T.
Detroit

James had been experiencing issues with a state department following an original denial of his unemployment claim.

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CASES
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TOP 3 ISSUES

OUR OFFICE HEARS ABOUT



Unemployment



Health and Human Services



Civil Rights

More Ways We Can Help

- Congratulatory letters, Certificates & Tributes
- Unemployment Assistance
- State Tax Issues
- State Licensing & Insurance Issues

We can also connect you to federal agencies to get assistance with issues related to:

- Veterans
- Federal Taxes
- Passports
- Immigration
- Social Security
- Medicaid & Medicare