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Dear Residents of SD-44:

Tomorrow is election day! Voters can [cast ballots](#) in municipal contests, school board races, county elections, and judicial races. Voters of **ALL PARTIES** can also weigh in on proposed amendments to Pennsylvania's constitution.



Polling places open at 7 a.m and close at 8 p.m. (mail-in ballots must be received by 8 p.m. as well). Check out votesPA.com for addresses and hours of county election offices; locations of drop-off boxes; voting locations; and videos showing how to use the voting system in your county.

In this e-blast, you will find information on an upcoming policy hearing, Vietnam veteran benefits, and legislative updates from Harrisburg.

Follow the latest updates, be sure to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Senator Katie Muth

A New Deal for PA

Last Wednesday, the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Caucus announced the "[New Deal for PA](#)" – a \$6.15 billion investment of federal funds coming to the Commonwealth via the American Rescue Plan.

The New Deal for PA focuses on Jobs, Opportunity, and Equity. The investment in people, projects, and public health detailed in this plan serves to lay the groundwork for a better tomorrow for ALL Pennsylvanians.

To learn more about the New Deal for PA and the data-driven approach used to identify individuals, communities, and economic sectors for funding, click [here](#).

A NEW DEAL FOR PA

Targeted Investment for Transformative Change

People \$2.470 Billion

- 21st Century Child Care
- Business Assistance
- Education/Community Support
- Job Training/Workforce Development
- Utility Assistance

PASenate.com/NewDeal

Policy Hearing: Impact of the State System of Higher Education Redesign Plan

Tune in today at 10am

At the request of Senator Lindsey Williams, Senator Judy Schwank, the Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Policy Committee will hold a [virtual public hearing](#) to discuss Public Higher Education and the PASSHE Redesign Plan.

We will hear from the Chancellor of PASSHE, University Presidents, as well as impacted students & workers. Please [join us](#) for this important hearing on the future of public higher education in Pennsylvania.

The meeting's location will be held virtually via Zoom. You can watch hearing live [here](#).

PA Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing:

PA State System of Higher Ed

Monday, May 17, 10AM on Zoom

Sen. Katie Muth
Policy Comm. Chair

Senator Lindsey
Williams

Senator Judy
Schwank

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Register: SenatorMuth.com/Policy

Protecting the Rights of Local Government

City and Township officials are responsible for the health and safety of their residents and they should have the authority to enact policies that serve the best interests of their communities.

Last week, I spoke in opposition to [SB275](#), which would strip local officials of the authority to protect the health and well-being of their communities. Not only does this bill likely violate Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, which ensures the right to clean air, water and the preservation of the environment, but it [prevents municipalities from protecting air quality](#).

Not only is this bill [bad policy](#), but it serves to put in place restrictions to fortify the gas industry, rather than focus on proactive measures to invest in the transition to more sustainable energies.



Find a Vaccine Provider Near You

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is using a new resource to help people find available vaccines and has transitioned to using [vaccines.gov](#) as the mapping source to help people find a location to get vaccinated.

- Individuals searching for a vaccine can choose between locations having any of the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.
- In addition, individuals can text their zip code to GETVAX (438829) for English, or VACUNA (822862) for Spanish and receive three possible vaccination sites in their area, with phone numbers to call for an appointment.

Find a COVID-19 vaccine near you

Use Vaccines.gov to find a location near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment.

[Find COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

VA to Re-Adjudicate Some Vietnam Veteran and Survivor Claims

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) [announced](#) it will re-adjudicate claims for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Veterans who were previously denied service connection for an herbicide related presumptive condition due to lack of in-country Vietnam service will automatically have their claims re-adjudicated.

Eligible survivors of deceased Veterans may also benefit from the policy and may be eligible for benefits based on the Veterans' service. Read more [here](#).

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