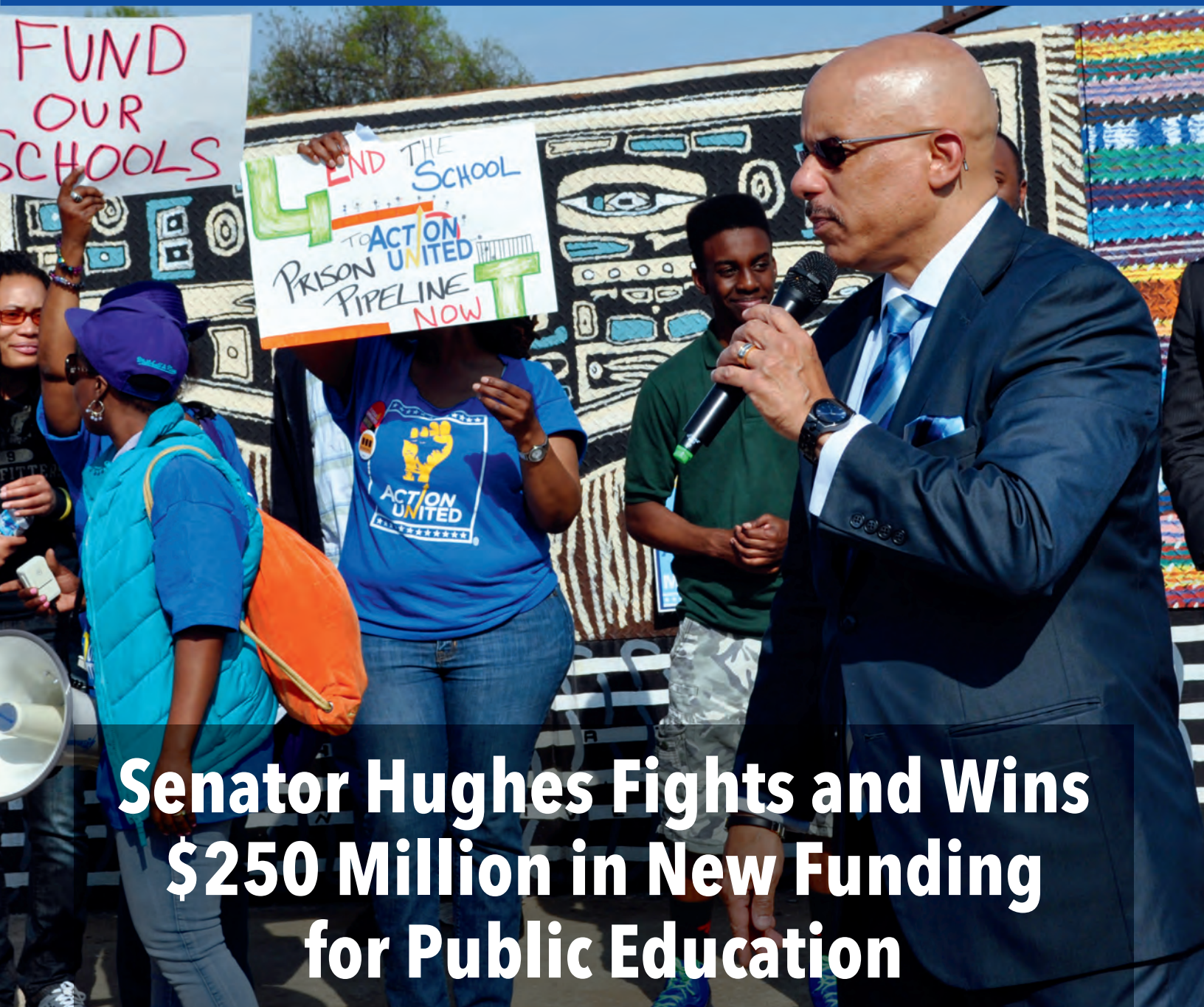




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# State Senator **VINCENT HUGHES** *Reports to the People*



## Senator Hughes Fights and Wins \$250 Million in New Funding for Public Education

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# ► Senator Hughes Delivers Boost for Education Funding

## ON THE COVER

Senator Hughes rallies with education activists to call for more funding for our public schools.



Senator Hughes, who serves as Democratic Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, negotiated a state budget with more funding for public schools. He successfully fought against Republicans in Harrisburg who wanted less funding for our schools. Senator Hughes also successfully fought for a fair funding formula.

## Senator Hughes SUPPORTS *Health Care for All!*



Senator Hughes spreads the word about newly-expanded health insurance options in West Philadelphia.

*Senator Hughes has been championing the full implementation of President Barack Obama's healthcare program in Pennsylvania. As a result, more than 600,000 low-income individuals are now eligible for health insurance.*



To enroll,  
call Senator Hughes' office at  
**215-879-7777**  
or visit **healthcare.gov**  
or **www.healthchoicespa.com**





# NEW DEAL for a New Urban AMERICA

► Jobs, Wages, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & Urban Revitalization

## Senator Hughes Convenes National Forum on Investment and Revitalization of Urban America

Urban communities have vital needs that are often not addressed in our national public policy discourse. That's why Senator Hughes recently organized a national forum to focus on rebuilding urban America, including creating jobs, higher wages, and more economic opportunity. The event was attended by over 600 people and attracted national figures like Rev. Jesse Jackson.



Civil rights icon Rev. Jesse Jackson addressed the forum.

From left: Dr. Stephen Tang of University Science Center, Brian Hudson of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority, Sharmain Matlock-Turner of Urban Affairs Coalition, Jeff Brown of Brown's Super Stores, Rev. Louis Cortes of Esperanza and Winnie Stachelberg of Center for American Progress participated in a panel about policy solutions.



Héctor Figueroa of Service Employees International Union, Terry O'Neill, President of the National Organization for Women and Bishop Dwayne Royster of the National PICO Network on a panel about organizing for action.



## SENATOR HUGHES ORGANIZES BUS TOUR FOR NEW URBAN AMERICA

Senator Hughes also organized a bus tour to highlight the challenges and possibilities facing Urban America. The tour, which included top city, state, and federal officials, focused on the need for affordable housing in our communities. The tour visited problem areas as well as signs of progress in both West and North Philadelphia.

Want to get involved in the movement to rebuild Urban America?

visit [NewDeal4NewAmerica.com](http://NewDeal4NewAmerica.com) to find out how you can be a part of the fight for jobs, economic opportunity, and fair wages for all!"



City Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell joined Senator Hughes on a tour of distressed communities.



Senator Hughes was also joined on the tour by Kevin Jeremiah, President & CEO of the Philadelphia Housing Authority, Lucinda Hudson of Parkside Association, Brian Hudson of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority, Jim Burnett of the West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution, and Sheryl Lee Ralph-Hughes.

## ► Senator Hughes and Sheryl Lee Ralph-Hughes Create Jazz Legacy Awards to Honor National and Local Jazz Legends

Senator Hughes and his wife Sheryl Lee Ralph-Hughes recently honored a number of jazz legends with the "Jazz Legacy Award" at the Philadelphia Clef Club. Senator Hughes and his wife are champions of the arts. There is a clear need for more public investment in the arts, which is why Senator Hughes is fighting for funding for cultural programs across Pennsylvania.



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# Getting Results:

## Senator Hughes Secures Funding to Rebuild our Communities

Senator Hughes is working hard to secure resources from Harrisburg to help expand affordable housing and create economic development in our neighborhoods. Thanks to his work, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is poised to invest tens of millions of dollars into the 7th Senatorial District.



Senator Hughes presents funding to fully upgrade and renovate Gorgas Park in Roxborough.



Senator Hughes presents a check to Harambee Institute of Science & Technology Charter School to expand cultural programs.

### Key Projects in 7th Senatorial District

Organization	Project	Funding
City Avenue Special Services District of Phila & Lower Merion	City Avenue Project	\$2,050,000
Gorgas Park	Renovations & Upgrades	\$188,000
Harambee Institute of Science & Technology Charter School	Expanded Musical & Cultural Programs	\$346,000
Mission First Housing Development Corporation & ACHIEVEability	Haddington III Preservation Initiative	\$995,711
NHM Housing	North Hills Manor	\$1,198,000
Phila Parks & Recreation	Kelly Drive Fairmount Park	\$180,000
Upper Dublin Township	Upper Dublin/PA Turnpike Zip Ramp	\$1,860,000
Upper Dublin Township	Fort Washington Trail	\$250,000
Wexford Science & Technology, LLC	University City High School Redevelopment	\$600,000
WPPE IV, LLC	Multifamily affordable housing	\$1,183,778

## ▶ Senator Hughes is Fighting to Protect Our Communities from Lead Exposure

BELOW: Senator Hughes and the Senate Democratic Policy Committee met with leading experts at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Sen. Vincent Hughes and the Senate Democratic Policy Committee recently held a roundtable discussion on the health impact of lead exposure on our communities. The conversation, held at Karabots Pediatric Care Center at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, included many of the top health-care professionals and research experts working on the issue today. The discussion focused on a package of bills introduced by Senate Democrats to protect people from the dangers of lead exposure.



Maura McInerney of the Education Law Center testifies at lead hearing.





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It's now easier than ever to register to vote! Simply go online to **VotesPA.com** and enter in the required information. You'll become a registered voter and receive a confirmation in the mail. If you'd rather register using paper and a pen, call my district office for the appropriate form at **(215) 879-7777** or visit my website at **www.senatorhughes.com**

### Take Action:

## ▶ You May Be Eligible for a Property Tax/Rent Rebate!

Are you an older adult or a Pennsylvania resident with a disability? You may be eligible to apply for a rebate of rent and property taxes paid in 2015. **The deadline for applying has been extended to December 31, 2016.**

*The rebate program is for the following:*

- Pennsylvanians age 65 and older
- Widows and widowers age 50 and older
- People with disabilities age 18 and older
- Income of \$35,000 a year or less for homeowners; \$15,000 a month for renters



### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants may obtain Property Tax/Rent Rebate claim forms (PA-1000) and related information:

- Online at **www.revenue.pa.gov**
- Call toll-free **1-888-222-9190**

If you want help filling out your application, please contact Senator Hughes' office at 215-879-7777.

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