



## STATE SENATOR LeANNA M. WASHINGTON

*Serving the 4th Senatorial District*

LeAnna M. Washington was elected to the Pennsylvania State Senate on May 17, 2005 in a special election. Washington served in the House of Representatives for 12 years before being overwhelmingly supported for the seat in the Senate. Washington has been a powerful political force in the community for more than two decades, working tirelessly for communities throughout the region. In October, Washington held the first city-wide “Walk Against Domestic Violence,” in Philadelphia on M.L.K. Jr. Drive.

### ■ COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

- Aging and Youth, Minority Chair
- Community, Economics, and Recreational Development
- State Government
- Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
- Democratic Policy, Deputy Chair
- Finance
- Urban Affairs and Housing
- PHEAA Board

### ■ LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**NEW LAW:** Public Law 33 of 2008 sponsored by Senator Washington was signed by Governor Rendell on July 17, 2008 at a public ceremony in the Governor’s office. The new law requires greater transparency and accountability and establishes child death review teams to investigate all child deaths in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**NEW LAW:** Public Law 73 of 2007 co-sponsored by Senator Washington was signed by Governor Rendell on December 18, 2007 at a public ceremony in his office. The new law requires prospective foster and adoptive families to get FBI clearances before a child is placed in a home, providing greater safety and protection for children.

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Senator Washington was instrumental in the passing of the Assisted Living legislation in 2007 which provides greater protection for seniors living in facilities. Senator Washington is currently working on regulations as required by the Assisted Living law.

### ■ LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENTS

*Washington’s leadership is ensuring the well-being of Pennsylvania’s children and seniors.*

- Pennsylvania’s Children’s Trust Fund (CTF) Board of Directors
- Governor’s Health Care Advisory Panel
- Children’s Health Advisory Council
- Intra-Governmental Council on Long-Term Care

### ■ LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

- Washington is the first woman elected to serve as Chair of the PA Legislative Black Caucus (PLBC), a position she served for two consecutive terms in 2001 and 2003, respectively.
- Washington is the first woman Chair of Black Elected Officials (BEO) of Philadelphia.
- Washington is the former Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Delegation.

### ■ AWARDS & HONORS

*Washington is the recipient of numerous community and civic awards that include, but are not limited to the following:*

- The Ruby Award, Soroptomists International of Five Points Magneta, June, 19, 2010.
- Honorary Doctorate of Law Degree, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, May 21, 2010
- Social Action Award in Political Awareness and Involvement by the Quaker City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 2010
- Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, Lutheran Theological Seminary, May 17, 2009
- Outstanding Community Leader, Philadelphia Tribune Newspaper, 2008
- Civic Leaders Award, Women Against Abuse, 2007
- Philadelphia Business Journal, Woman of Distinction, 2005

Washington, who earned a Master’s degree in Human Services from Lincoln University said of the road she has traveled: “I will go where there is no path and I will leave a trail for others to follow.”

Washington has three adult children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She resides in Northwest Philadelphia. Senator Washington is honored to serve the citizens of the 4th Senatorial district.