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WINTER 2026



HOPE OVER FEAR

2000 neighbors marched to Philadelphia ICE Field Office on MLK Day 2026



SEE HOW WE'VE ADVANCED DIGNITY IN 2025—
AND OUR VISION FOR 2026.

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In 2025, our communities endured pardons of persons convicted of sedition against the nation, freezing of funds for the most vulnerable, denial of food and healthcare here and abroad, war crimes, a \$7.25 minimum wage and more cruel attacks on our dignity. Nevertheless, we persevered. We held weekly interfaith vigils at Philadelphia ICE offices, delivered more than \$450,000 in rebates to renters and homeowners in the district, and witnessed a historic decrease in gun violence across our communities.

We will focus on a new America on a foundation of dignity for all. As we mark America 250, many will spend this year reflecting on our nation's past. At the same time, our nation's future is at a crossroads. *We must continue working to build an America rooted in dignity for all.*

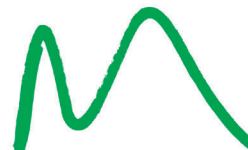
In 2026, we declare that we hold these truths as self-evident:

- That *all persons* are endowed with *equal dignity*
- That *dignity is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace*
- That governments are instituted *to safeguard dignity*

The work of building a Commonwealth and nation, where dignity is protected, is just beginning.

The struggle continues.

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Senator Art Haywood
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Our Struggle for Dignity



SPREADING CONTEMPT

PUNCH: American leaders intentionally promote contempt and division among the American people. This contempt-driven rhetoric allows them to advance a dangerous agenda that denies the worth of immigrants, the disabled and our vulnerable neighbors.



COUNTERPUNCH:

We overcome contempt with dignity. In 2025, we worked across communities to embrace the worth of every person in many ways.

- **190** Community events attended
- **2,200 Constituents** served with dignity by Team Haywood in our district offices
- Over **600** neighbors attended our Homeownership Conference, Back to School, Wills Planning and other Events
- **417** neighbors assisted at mobile hours in Germantown and Wister this summer.
- **\$25 million** in grants to organizations in district in 2025, and a grand total of **over \$201 million** to the district since 2015.



*When our dignity is under attack,
we fight back.*



(Left) Sen. Haywood engages with neighbors at our second annual Homeownership Conference held at West Oak Lane Charter School. (Right) Senator Haywood meets with families impacted by cancer at the American Cancer Hope Lodge in Cheltenham.

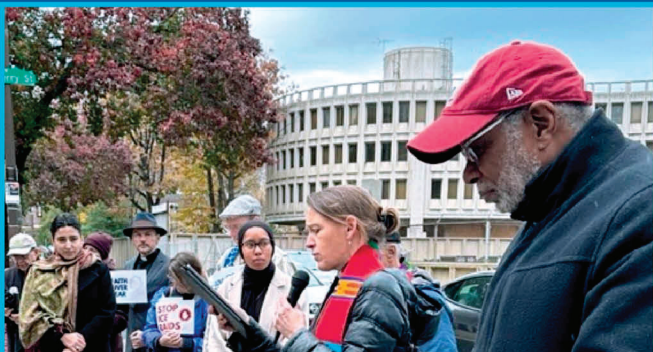
INDISCRIMINATE ICE RAIDS *BREAK UP FAMILIES*

PUNCH: The Trump administration used ICE to enforce an inhumane and discriminatory policy of raids across the country.



COUNTERPUNCH:

This year, I introduced legislation to make indiscriminate raids and arrests within the Commonwealth a crime. These ICE raids are violations of our dignity, safety, and peace. **My legislation would make these indiscriminate**





Since October 2025, Sen. Haywood has joined neighbors and interfaith leaders for weekly prayer vigils at the Philadelphia ICE Field Office.

actions unlawful across Pennsylvania.

I also introduced a bill to prevent the president from taking control of local or state law enforcement agencies. Local control of our police is good for our officers and good for our communities.

Alongside a coalition of interfaith leaders, we held a series of prayer vigils outside the Philadelphia ICE Field Office. We stand with detained individuals **and call ICE workers inside to conscience to stop the raids.**

DENIAL OF FREE SPEECH IN HIGHER EDUCATION

PUNCH: The federal government threatened higher education institutions by tying federal funding to denial of free speech and inclusion.



COUNTERPUNCH:

I joined lawmakers to stop the University of Pennsylvania from accepting the free speech restrictions from the President. In addition, as a board member of both the state university system of 14 universities and the PHEAA student loan agency **I continue working for inclusion and making higher education affordable.** Multiple federal courts blocked Trump's anti-DEI orders after finding serious constitutional issues.

Additionally, we hosted our Higher Education Zone College Fair at Dare to Imagine Church in Mt. Airy, where more than 100 students from Philadelphia and beyond participated. Some students were admitted on the spot.



Students excited to show their acceptance letters when they received an instant decision at our college fair at Dare to Imagine Church in Mt. Airy.

DENYING ACCESS TO FOOD

PUNCH: The federal government violated the dignity of Americans by denying access to food during the shutdown and after.



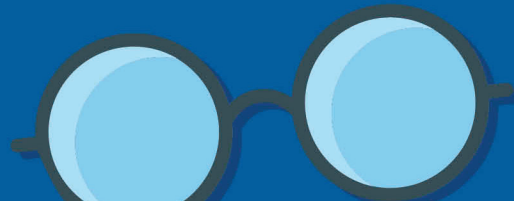
COUNTERPUNCH:

We informed neighbors across the Commonwealth about the new burdensome paperwork requirements so folks knew how to enroll. **Our Food Is Dignity Tour** stops included Germantown, Lancaster, Stroudsburg, Upper Darby, Pottstown, Bensalem, and more. **We led the PA state senate in the call for emergency relief during the federal shutdown.** My office also supported local food giveaway efforts in our district.



Sen. Haywood is joined by Congresswoman Madeliene Dean and State Rep. Joe Ciresi on the Food is Dignity tour to help neighborhoods keep food access.

2026 Vision



GET INVOLVED

As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary, we are not looking back—we are moving forward. Our 250 Agenda is about creating the America we want for the next 250 years, built on a foundation of **dignity for all**.

- **Work with dignity** means a wage of at least \$17 an hour.
- **Care with dignity** means affordable, accessible healthcare for everyone.
- **Immigration with dignity** means no more indiscriminate, cruel ICE raids targeting Black and Brown people.
- **Home with dignity** means every family can afford a safe place to live.

Our 250 Agenda looks ahead—because the next 250 years can be with freedom and dignity for everyone.



Sen. Haywood encouraging neighbors at a We The People Rally at the Richard Allen Train Station on the Chestnut Hill West Line.

CELEBRATING NEIGHBORS

This year, we recognize neighbors who have inspired us with their example of dignity in action.

Dignity in Advocacy:

Anne Dicker & Save the Train Effort



When SEPTA faced proposed cuts threatened to eliminate essential public transit routes across our district and beyond our neighbors stepped up. Anne Dicker and Save the Train advocates rallied throughout the year—pressuring policymakers to find solutions and protect transit access for working families. Governor Shapiro stepped in with one-time funding to stop the severe cuts. While the fight continues, their movement has built a strong network of neighbor-advocates ready to mobilize for action.

Dignity in Action:

Our Firefighters and First Responders



In February 2025, a large fire broke out at the SPS Technologies facility in Glenside, significantly impacting nearby communities in Abington, Cheltenham, and Jenkintown. When the flames roared, our first responders showed up—risking their lives to keep us safe and informed through the night and beyond. Thank you to the 68 firefighter and first responder units who protected our communities.

Let me know how you plan to learn more about dignity.

Scan here to respond.



Survey Questions:

1. Which activities would interest you in 2026? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ In-person Teach-In / Workshop
- ☐ In-person Townhall
- ☐ Telephone Townhall
- ☐ Online Facebook Live
- ☐ Zoom Workshop / Presentation
- ☐ Other: _____

Email: _____



Dignity for All. Hope for Tomorrow.



"For ten years, we've proven that change begins when we act with conscience and lead with dignity."

As we enter 2026—the nation's 250th year—let's continue the fight for *fairness, peace, and dignity* in every neighborhood.

JOIN THE DIGNITY MOVEMENT.

Stay connected with our office for updates, events, and ways to make a difference.

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