

# DELEGATE SANDY Rosenberg!

## 2020 Session of the Maryland General Assembly

Dear Neighbor:

These are difficult times. We are all at risk. Many of us have had our lives disrupted.

We are struggling to get the facts and expert guidance on how to protect our families and our community from the coronavirus.

As a neighbor and a public official, I am here to help. Please contact me or the Maryland government coronavirus website <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/> if you need assistance.

*Sandy Rosenberg*

While our schools were closed for an indefinite period, the legislature enacted an education plan that will benefit our children, our society, and our economy for decades to come.

While our hospitals faced the prospect of being overburdened, I introduced House Bill 448, Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth and Shortage. Its passage will enable our medical professionals to examine and counsel patients over the Internet, increasing access to health care.

While the date of this year's Preakness remains uncertain, we adopted a plan to keep the race at Pimlico and redevelop the rest of the property for business, housing, health care, and recreation.

### KEEPING THE PREAKNESS AND TRANSFORMING PIMLICO

Pimlico will become an attraction for Park Heights, the northwest Baltimore communities, Baltimore City residents, and countless visitors. A bold proposal has preserved one of our region's most important economic assets and created a new set of opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods.

This came about because Baltimore City, the Maryland Jockey Club, and our state's horsemen partnered to develop a proposal that preserves the Preakness and sets the stage for multi-use redevelopment of the site. The asphalt and stables that now surround the racetrack will become the site for Sinai's new outpatient facility, residential housing, and commercial and recreational opportunities.

This all began when I met with Tom Kelso, chair of the Maryland Stadium Authority, in December 2015 to discuss a study of the future of Pimlico. The Authority is highly regarded for building Oriole Park and



*Sandy helps a student at Wildwood Elementary/Middle School, one of eight 21st Century schools being built in our district.*

M&T Bank Stadium. Its study began the discussions that resulted in the Pimlico redevelopment plan that the General Assembly approved.

To ensure our constituents a role in the decision-making that will transform this property, my 41st District colleagues and I have worked with neighborhood leaders and the City government to ensure that these communities will have a voice in the site's redevelopment.

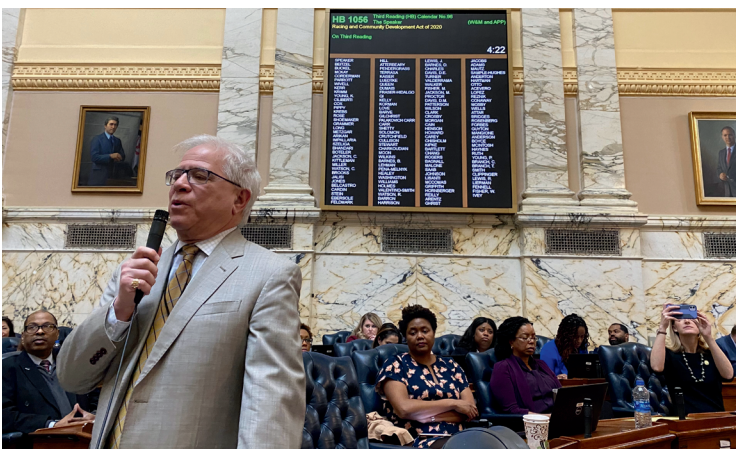
### EDUCATIONAL BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE

I know how important my public school education was to me. Implementing the Kirwan Blueprint for Maryland's Future is an investment in programs that have worked in other states and abroad.

Expanding pre-kindergarten to three-year-olds means more children will come to kindergarten ready to learn. I have worked on this issue for a decade.

Better training and higher pay will keep better teachers in the classroom. Many of our students and their families will get the help they need to address social problems that hinder their classroom performance. Students will choose either college credit courses or a career track by 10th grade.

Will the Kirwan Blueprint meet its lofty goals? Accountability is built into what we enacted. Expert review teams will assess every Maryland school at least once over 10 years. Schools that are failing will get the greatest attention and will have expert review teams deployed multiple times over that period.



*Sandy speaks to the House of Delegates before the vote on the law that will save the Preakness and rebuild Pimlico.*





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**TECHNOLOGY – MEDICAL  
AND ELECTORAL**

We will expand access to health care by authorizing consultations between a patient and a health care professional using telecommunications technology. Under House Bill 448, which I introduced, providers will be able to reach people in their homes. Patients who are home bound or whose schedules keep them from being able to make regular office hours will be able to get the care they need. The identity of the patient and the licensure of the professional must first be verified. HB 448 was enacted.

My legislation criminalizing fraudulent campaign flyers designed to suppress voter turnout was enacted in 2005. The threat to our democracy now comes from sophisticated technology.

I introduced two bills that passed the House but were not acted upon by the Senate because the session ended early. Disinformation on social media from fake accounts was widespread during the 2016 election. One in five Twitter posts about the campaign was published by a “bot.” A bot is an automated online account. Nearly all of the actions or posts of that account are made by a computer program, not a person.

House Bill 465, sponsored by Delegate Alice Cain and myself, requires that the use of a bot to publish, distribute, or disseminate campaign material online be disclosed on the campaign material. This simple measure will provide the public with a means of deciphering “real” information from “fake,” without infringing on freedom of speech.

Certain countries try to use voting machines to disrupt our elections. Disclosure

of the foreign manufacture of any component of a voting system would have been required under House Bill 392. All measures taken to ensure that the manufacturing process is secure must be disclosed. There must also be notice of ownership of, investment in, or control of the election service provider by a foreign national.

**FOR THE 41<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT**

I worked with Senator Jill Carter and Delegates Dalya Attar and Tony Bridges on several issues of benefit to the 41st District. We obtained over \$1 million to finance improvements to the Ambassador Theatre, Baltimore Clayworks, Forest Park Senior Center, Howell Celebrating Lives Viola Family Support Center, and Park West Health System.

The late Congressman Elijah Cummings, Senator Carter, and I shared a passion for preventing Marylanders from suffering the harmful effects of lead poisoning. In July 2019, Rep. Cummings introduced The Opportunity Zone Lead Remediation Impact Act of 2019. We have honored his memory and protected Maryland residents with the passage of legislation requiring all property owners who benefit from the Opportunity Zone tax credits must also comply with Maryland’s lead laws.

Under Jewish law, a civil divorce does not dissolve a marriage. Only a signed writ of divorce called a get ends a marriage for a person who wishes to remarry in the Jewish faith. Women who are denied a get by their husband are called agunah, which has a literal translation of “chained.”

House Bill 833 would allow a woman seeking a divorce to request an affidavit from a husband swearing that he has taken all steps within his control to remove any barriers to a

spouse’s remarriage. A court would not enter a final judgment of divorce until such an affidavit is filed. Delegate Attar introduced this bill, and I co-sponsored it. Unfortunately, it was not voted on by the House Judiciary Committee.

Police cadets no longer train at the Public Safety Training Facility at Park Heights and Northern Parkway. What happens now on this site is of great importance to many neighborhoods. Delegate Bridges and I had language included in the capital budget requiring the City of Baltimore to prepare a report on the future use of this building. A “diverse group of affected parties” must be included in this process.

**PUBLIC SERVICE –  
FILLING THE GAP**

Maryland is a national leader in assisting students seeking a career in public service because of legislation that I introduced. People who take public service jobs after graduation from college or graduate school are eligible for debt forgiveness under the Janet Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program. Students interning with the government or a non-profit can receive a stipend under the Walter Sondheim Internship Program.

In that spirit, the Maryland Corps Program and the Maryland Corps Fund were established in 2016. The operating budget for that year included \$150,000 for the program, but Governor Hogan chose not to release these funds. Legislation that I introduced this session was adopted. It mandates that the Governor budget \$150,000 for the Corps starting next year.

At least 100 recent high school graduates would benefit from meaningful public service opportunities, gaining skills and experience to help them prepare for college. Corps participants would have to serve for at least nine months with a non-profit organization or government agency that has a focus on community, civic engagement, or volunteerism.

It is a privilege to serve you and the entire 41st District. I welcome your thoughts on what we accomplished and what we still need to do.

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