

Dear friends and neighbors,

The legislature was very ambitious - and successful - on policy measures this year.


I now serve on Appropriations, Judiciary, Higher Education, and the Environment committees. My work and interests remain as diverse as our community, though some New Haven issues affect everyone, like PILOT. We did make progress restructuring PILOT payments in 2017, but much of our effort involved protecting what we have, so the budget was a modest success.

Although optimistic about our future, we face state budget challenges. Casino revenues have plummeted with changing habits and competition. Further, in a global economy, slowing growth abroad affects Connecticut companies and income tax receipts.

In recent years efforts at reform, especially of sentencing, ended in stalemate. This year, reform efforts were successful. Solving problems takes teamwork with the community and local officials, and our community has the talent and drive to do that.

Thank you for your support and confidence.

Sincerely,



STATE AID TO NEW HAVEN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 & 2017

Education Cost Sharing	\$310,657,240
Priority School Districts	\$12,762,658
PILOT: State Owned Property	\$13,872,778
PILOT: Colleges & Hospitals	\$85,367,135
Pequot/Mohegan Revenue Sharing	\$12,853,559
School Transportation	\$4,554,446
Local Capital Improvement Program	\$3,297,336
Town Aid Roads	\$2,502,664
Adult Education	\$5,597,351
MRSA Payments	\$15,361,235
Total State Funds New Haven:	\$451,465,167

* all dollar amounts subject to Governor’s rescissions

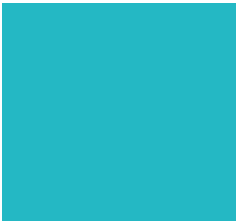
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Barbershop, free back to school haircuts, upper Westville



Thanksgiving at Casa Otoñal.

In the News:

- Rep. Dillon threw out the first lettuce for the season opener of City Seed's Edgewood Market.
- Rep. Dillon spoke at Common Ground about their commitment to education and the environment.
- Rep. Dillon helped cut the ribbon on a solar carport at the Jewish Community Center.
- Rep. Dillon addressed the crowd at West River's International Peace Day.
- Rep. Dillon testified about Forest Road's drainage and traffic problems before the Transportation Committee.
- Rep. Dillon raised concerns before the Army Corps of Engineers about dumping in New Haven Harbor, and urging consultation with the city.

Congratulations to:

- Victor Bolden, former Corporation Counsel of New Haven, was named United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut by President Obama.
- Auguste Fortin VI, MD, MPH, associate professor of medicine, was honored with the Leah M. Lowenstein Award for excellence in the promotion of humane and egalitarian medical education by the Yale School of Medicine.



With Mothers for Justice at the capitol.



Jewish Community Center

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Quality of Life, the Arts, & Our Economy

Free concerts at Davis School: Access to the arts should not depend on income. Arts in the community enrich our lives, provide jobs, and build audiences. I secured funds for the New Haven Symphony to continue free family-friendly concerts at Davis School.

In addition, we restored cuts to Westville Village Renaissance, Neighborhood Music School, Festival of Arts and Ideas, Long Wharf Theater, the Arts Council, and the Shubert Theater.



Dwight Neighborhood Spring Festival

Teamwork on Safe Streets

Making our streets safe is a team effort in planning, priority setting, and funding.

Local roads: The city improves local roads through its own funds and dollars from LoCip, a state program for local capital improvements. This year's budget allocates \$1,648,668 to New Haven for improvement of local roads at its discretion.

State roads: Legislators can request targeted bond funds for state roads in our community, which requires state and local design approval. I secured Westville Village traffic calming funding, approved by the state in June of 2013, and by the Board of Alders in September 2015.

Better Housing, Less Blight

Through the state's Department of Housing's Affordable Homeownership program, three New Haven entities received funding to rehab homes and help first time home owners.

- Neighborhood Housing Services - \$1.75 million
- Habitat for Humanity \$525,000
- Neighborhood Renewal, city of New Haven: \$2.5 million.



The handful of most critically damaged 'sinking houses' have been repaired, and Rep Dillon continues to seek ways to help other homeowners.

Affordable Food for Seniors

The rising cost of transportation and housing squeezes food budgets for seniors. This year I tried, in HB 5734, to raise support for food vouchers. Instead we will explore alternate funding for senior nutrition. I will continue to press for affordable food for seniors.



West River International Peace Day



Common Ground ceremony

Ahead of the Curve:

Criminal Justice Reforms Modify Laws, Respond to Events

Many proposals this year were long sought changes to earlier laws that, though well intentioned, had dramatic and disparate effects. Others were responses to controversies in other states.

Youth

Sexual Assault: I authored legislation to prevent sexual assault in juvenile facilities. Such violation of young people can cause long lasting trauma.

Out of school suspensions and expulsions: will be prohibited for students enrolled in preschool or grades kindergarten to two unless there is evidence of conduct on school grounds of a violent or sexual nature that endangers others. Under prior law, kindergarten through grade two students could receive out-of-school suspension for 'disruption.' I co-sponsored this.

Criminal Justice

Excessive Force: The investigation of a death involving a peace officer will now include cases involving any use of physical force, not just deadly force; state funds are available for body cameras for one year.

Second Chance: Changes criminal law and aids re-entry by eliminating some minimum mandatory sentences and changing current 'justice by zip code' drug zones that treated offenders in urban areas more harshly. In addition School-Based Diversion, job training, and the Connecticut Collaboration on Reentry are funded.



Clowning at Varick Family Day



Taking photos of the artist at an artists' reception, Westville Village.