

SESSION WRAP-UP

Dear Neighbor,

It remains a privilege and honor to serve as your state representative. The 2023 legislative session is in the rearview mirror, and I wanted to take a moment to check in and share some highlights from the past several months.

We worked hard to deliver a budget that adheres to our fiscal guardrails while still providing hundreds of millions in more funding to our local schools, colleges and universities, and services for our most vulnerable residents. As part of our historic tax cuts, families of four who make under \$50,000 annually will pay no state income taxes. This is another important step in making CT affordable for everyone.

We did it by working together, without gimmicks or partisan politics.

I'd love to hear from you if you would like more details or have any questions on the initiatives addressed in this legislative update.

Sincerely,


Anabel Figueroa



BIG WINS FOR STAMFORD!

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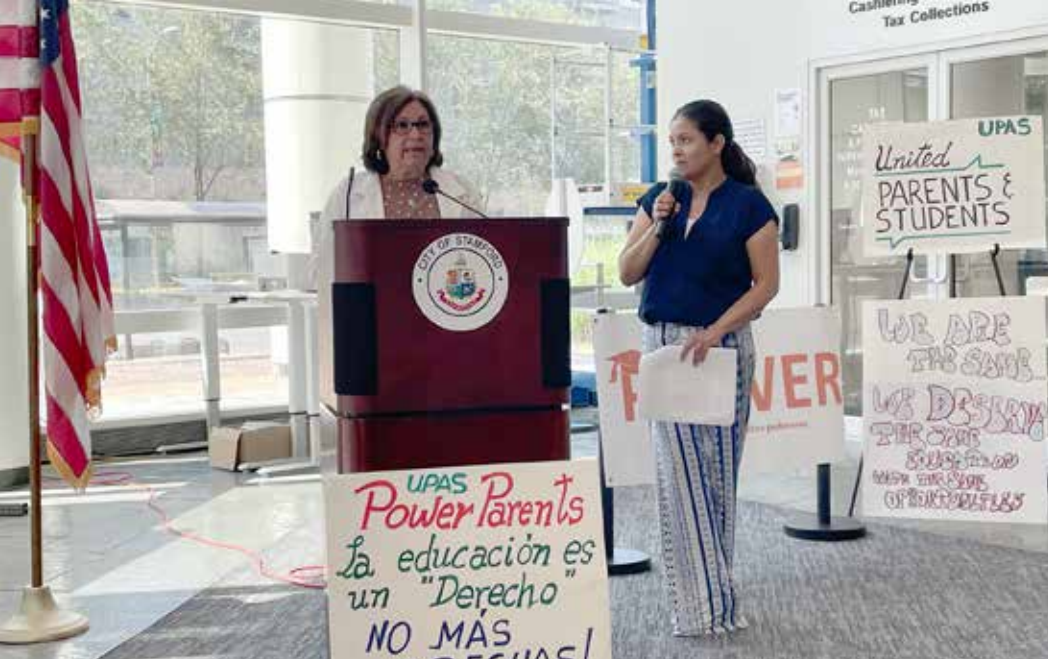


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Rep. Figueroa advocating for the passage of English/Multilingual Learners Bill of Rights

CHILDCARE & EDUCATION

- Required boards of education to provide translator services and established rights for multilingual learners
- Created reimbursements to schools that purchase local foods for their school meals
- Moved up the eligibility age for starting kindergarten by three months (to align with more states) and will require more play-based learning from pre-K to grade 5
- Required high school students to take a financial literacy class before graduation
- Banned child marriages
- Ensured all state buildings have diaper changing tables

PROTECTING THOSE WHO SERVED

- Granted free graduate school tuition to eligible veterans and their families as well as active members of the National Guard
- Eased licensing requirements for childcare providers who serve military families
- Established funding and benefits for firefighters who are diagnosed with cancer
- Invested in resources for our State Police



Rep. Figueroa celebrating the graduation of new officers in Stamford's Police Dept.

OUR BIPARTISAN BUDGET INCLUDES HISTORIC FUNDING AND INVESTMENTS FOR OUR CITY

HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS FOR STAMFORD

CITY OF STAMFORD FUNDING

| STATE AID | FY 2024 |
|-------------------|--------------|
| EDUCATION FUNDING | \$17,467,224 |
| TOWN AID | \$1,286,915 |
| PILOT | \$7,123,351 |
| LOCIP | \$ 1,206,128 |
| MUNICIPAL AID | \$ 1,154,179 |

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE

- Expanded access to medication, telehealth, and pharmacy services
- Created mental health toolkits for new parents
- Extended health insurance coverage for newborns
- Expanded workers' comp coverage for anyone who experiences PTSD at work
- Added more specificity to hospital discharge plans



Rep. Figueroa celebrating Indian Independence

HOUSING

- A new law requires the Office of Policy and Management secretary to establish a methodology for determining and fairly allocating each municipality's fair share of affordable housing units.

Protecting Renters

- Increased municipal fines to \$2,000 for rental property violations (unsanitary or unsafe living conditions)
- Capped rental application fees at \$50
- Erased judicial records for renters who win eviction cases
- Required a more timely return of security deposits
- Capped late charges for past due rent
- Limits late charges that landlords may impose for overdue rent and prohibits rental agreements from requiring any late fees that exceed the limit and landlords from assessing more than one late charge on an overdue rent payment

SUPPORTING OUR ELDERLY

- Expanded eligibility for Medicaid Long-Term Care Services and supported a new law expanding access to HUSKY C, which provides Medicaid coverage to people who are ages 65 and older, blind, or living with a disability
- The law increases the program's monthly income limit from 143% of the Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) cash benefit to 105% of the federal poverty level (FPL)
- Expands retirement income tax relief to those making up to \$100,000 for single filers and \$150,000 for joint filers
- Provided more eligibility for retirement income tax exemptions
- Banned the hiring of individuals convicted of elderly abuse in nursing homes
- Expanded funding for Meals on Wheels and adult day services
- Strengthened patients' involvement in their homemaker care plans and streamlined the process for filing complaints