

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



## COMMUNITY ALERT

Marketplace 2014  
Conference

Thursday, October 22-23

Oct. 22nd 3:00 PM– 8:00 PM  
Oct. 23rd 7:30 AM—4:00PM

Potawatomi Hotel and  
Conference Center  
1721 W Canal St  
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Creating, Developing and  
Growing New Business  
Opportunities

## OCTOBER 21 VOTING RALLY



Please join Supervisor Khalif Rainey, Alderman Russell Stamper, Treasurer Spencer Coggs and I as we host a **Voting Rally on October 21, 2014** in **Ezekiel Gillespie Park**. During the rally, there will be a short rally program where we will speak about the legacy of Ezekiel Gillespie and the importance of voting. We will also be encouraging people to take advantage of early voting by providing transportation. Ezekiel Gillespie was an active civil rights and community leader in the 1800s. In 1865 when Gillespie arrived at his polling place to vote, he was denied a ballot. Determined to pursue equality, Gillespie sued the Board of Elections, and the case ascended all the way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court. In unanimous decision in 1866, the Court declared restrictions on African American voting unconstitutional. Gillespie's efforts and perseverance paved the way for future generations to take up the call for equal and unfettered access to the ballot box. Make sure you join us **Tuesday, October 21st, 5:00-7:00 PM** at **Ezekiel Gillespie Park, on the corner of 14th & Wright**.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE PROVIDES BENEFITS

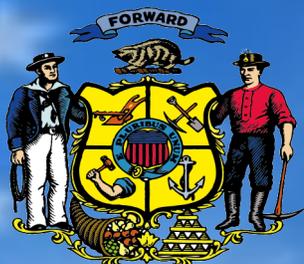
Congratulations to Nichole Todd for winning the *Greater Together* Challenge with her Driver License Recovery & Employability program. Research shows that a driver's license can provide opportunity for many and in turn higher income and mobility, stable communities and a greater quality of life. With 72% of the jobs in the Greater Milwaukee Area located in the suburbs, a license can go a long way to ensuring people in Milwaukee have access to employment opportunity. This project would find funding to implement free driver's education courses in the Milwaukee Public Schools, which are often too costly for low-income students, at about \$400. Providing this crucial education in the schools also creates incentives for improved attendance and performance.



Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm  
Here to Serve!





Senator Lena Taylor  
Presents:

“Communities Coming Together  
to Save Lives”

Distracted Driving  
Awareness Event  
Saturday, October 25th  
10am-2pm

Event Description

Participants will be able to use  
simulators and view a mock  
crash, funeral, and trial.

Location:

Big Eazy Restaurant  
2053 N MLK Dr.  
Milwaukee, WI 53212

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**DISTRACTED DRIVING HAS REAL CONSEQUENCES**



On October 10, 2010, a driver struck five year old Xzavier Davis-Bilbo, ripping him from his sister’s hand and dragging him twenty feet before stopping. The driver was texting and driving when she crossed out of her own lane and into the on-coming lane of traffic, hitting Xzavier. Xzavier was doing everything right: he had the metal scooter slung over his shoulder like his mom told him to do when crossing the street in the cross-walk. The driver dissipated Xzavier's spine and narrowly missed his brain stem, paralyzing him from the diaphragm down. Today, Xzavier is on life-support and gets around with the help of a motorized wheel chair and a team of round-the-clock nurses. Though he still has the use of his arms and hands, he has trouble opening and closing his fists. Join me on **October 25th, 2014** at The **Big Eazy Restaurant, 2053 N MLK Drive** from **10am-2pm** for a Community Awareness event, *Communities Coming Together to Save Lives*. Participants will be able to hear directly from people who have been victimized by distracted driving, as well as use simulators and view a mock crash, funeral, and trial.

**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOPE**

This week I had the opportunity to share my legislative agenda with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee. I have designed my legislative agenda around creating opportunities for hope. When I look at the challenges that this city, county, and state face, most of them revolve around the lack of access to opportunity. Violence, drug, and numerous other challenges are linked together by poverty; and I believe access to jobs is the best way to combat poverty issues like violence and drugs. My legislative agenda focuses on creation of industry, justice reinvestment, and education.



**Wise Words of the Week!**

**Contact Us! We Enjoy Hearing From You!** “Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.”

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

