



June 2023 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

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From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Dear Neighbor,

There is a lot to celebrate in June. June is Pride Month and African American Music Appreciation Month. June has the longest day of sunlight, Father's Day and of course Juneteenth. Take time to join in the many celebration events happening throughout the month.

This month I am focused on being in the community. I am active in visiting schools like Hathaway Brown and Canterbury and meeting with city council members, and constituents. I will continue to meet with organizations like Moms Demand Action, Cleveland Adoption Network, and the National Kidney Foundation to learn how best to advocate for District 22. Things to anticipate this Month: The State Operational budget will be signed into law by June 30th. The budget totals \$189 Billion. The budget will now go to the Senate Floor for a vote.

There is a Special Election on August 8, 2023, for Issue 1. In May 2023, I voted NO for Senate Joint Resolution 2 (SJR 2). The August 8th Special Election is occurring because the Ohio General Assembly passed SJR 2. This Election will cost Ohio's taxpayers \$15 Million. If Issue 1 passes, it will be harder for future citizen-initiated constitutional amendments to pass without a 60% supermajority vote.

As always, contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

State Representative Juanita O. Brent

House District 22

University Hts Council Members
at Jewish Federation Event



Out In The Community

Moms Demand
Action



National Kidney
Foundation



Cleveland Adoption
Network



Hathaway Brown
School



Cleveland Heights
Resident protesting SJR2



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: www.publicsafety.ohio.gov

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov

Jobs and Family Services:
www.jfs.ohio.gov

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL

Form Requests 800-282-1782

Veteran Services 888-296-7541

www.bmv.ohio.gov

DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Unemployment 877-644-6562

Information 800-589-TAGS

CROWN Act Lobby Day

Purpose: Come and advocate for the CROWN Act at the Statehouse.

The **CROWN Act** gives protection against hair discrimination in employment, places of public accommodation, housing, and credit practices.

FreeTheHair movement



June 14, 2023

1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH

Rep. Brent Office Hour

What is an Office Hour: A monthly open invite event hosted in a public location

Purpose: For constituents of House District 22 to speak with Rep. Brent about their comments, question and concerns.

Time: 4PM TO 6PM

June 22: Harvard Community Center

18240 Harvard Avenue, Cleveland, OH

4PM TO 6PM

Canterbury School

Rep. Brent July Town Hall

A Town Hall is a public meeting where you can let the Rep. Brent know in-person about the problems that matter to you and the District 22

July 2023

Location: TBA

August 8th Special Election

State Issue 1 is on the ballot in the Special Election. Issue 1 would increase the requirement to pass citizen led constitutional amendments from a majority (50%+1) of voters to a supermajority (60%).

Election Timeline

- July 10: Last day of voter registration
- July 11: Early voting begins
- August 1: Last day to request vote by mail
- August 8: Election Day

VOTE NO ON AUGUST 8TH

PROTECT ONE PERSON ONE VOTE

Bills to Watch

HB 33 (Senate Version - State Budget)

- Renames the Department of Education (ODE) as the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)
- Removed funding for human trafficking prevention
- Department of Education funding free menstrual products
- \$15 Million for August Special Election

HB 121 (Remote Workers Tax)

- Allows businesses with remote workers to use a modified municipal income tax formula.

SB 21 (Appellate Court Changes)

- Gives the Legislature and Governor the right to intervene in any civil court proceeding, without requiring permission from said court

SB 83/HB 151 (Anti Diversity, Equity and Inclusion)

- Bans Higher Education institutions from using affirmative action policies or Diversity Equity and Inclusion programs
- Bans striking of all higher education employees from striking