



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**BRENDA CARTER**

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as the representative from the 29th House District and am ready to be a strong advocate in Lansing for the residents and families of Auburn Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Pontiac and Sylvan Lake. Please encourage your friends and families to stay connected and subscribe to this e-newsletter. It will keep you up-to-date on legislation and policies coming from the Capitol, as well as my coffee hours and other community events I will host so we can get together face-to-face.



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**Reasons to Contact My Office**

The short answer is any reason at all. As your state legislator, my number one priority is YOU. So any reason you can think of to reach out to me for help is the right reason. My staff and I are ready to listen and work with you to solve whatever challenges you may face. A few examples of why you may want to contact my office are:

- Commenting on current legislation or proposing a solution; as your voice in Lansing, it is critical for me to know how you feel about certain issues and I want to hear from you.
- The state offers a wide range of free publications on topics such as seniors and

veterans services, child safety, consumer protection and more. If you would like one, or if you have questions about what is available, please contact my office.

- I will be hosting coffee hours, town halls and other community events throughout the year. If you need additional information or want to follow up on one of those events, then this is another great reason to get in touch.
- If there is someone you know who should be honored with a legislative tribute or certificate, please tell us about the milestones or achievements they have reached.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of reason to contact my office; if you need help or assistance of any kind, please contact us. We will work side by side with you to find the answers you need.

### **Honoring Local Black History Makers**



During Black History Month, it is important to recognize not only those who have come before us but also those within our own community who embody the best of us.

This week we recognize Dr. Earlean Rutley Davis. She was born in Sawyerville, Alabama, has a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's degree in reading and counseling, and a Ph.D. in human resources and counseling. Dr. Davis served as an educator and principal for 34 years for Pontiac School District. Dr. Davis has received numerous awards including the Governor of Michigan Award for the most improved school, and the Sojourner Truth Award. She is also an accomplished author. In 1966, Dr. Davis poetry book "Are You Listening," was published in the National Library of Poetry.

Today, Dr. Davis is extremely active as an education consultant and a member of Berea Family Tabernacle of Faith Church in Pontiac,

where she hosts a community bible study class. Dr. Davis travels as far as Lansing and Toledo to share the gospel. She has been a leader in the area of Women's Ministries for more than thirty years. Dr. Davis' love of humanity led her to a lifetime of serving others.

### Offering House Invocation



**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**REP. BRENDA CARTER WILL BE HOSTING OUR VERY OWN  
BISHOP WILLIAM H. MURPHY, JR. TO GIVE THE OFFICIAL INVOCATION  
TO OPEN HOUSE SESSION**

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Every state representative is given the opportunity to offer the invocation or invite a local clergy to give the invocation on their behalf. This year, I am honored to have Bishop Murphy join me on Feb. 20 to offer the invocation to the House.

If you would like to watch session on that day, or at any other time, you can click [here](#).

### Special Guest



**FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2019**

**REP. BRENDA CARTER WELCOMES HINA TAKAYAMA, A STUDENT FROM  
KUSATSU, SHIGA PREFECTURE JAPAN TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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I am also pleased that Ms. Hina Takayama will be joining me in the House on Thursday. If you would like to watch session on that day, or

at any other time, you can click [here](#).

### **State of the State**



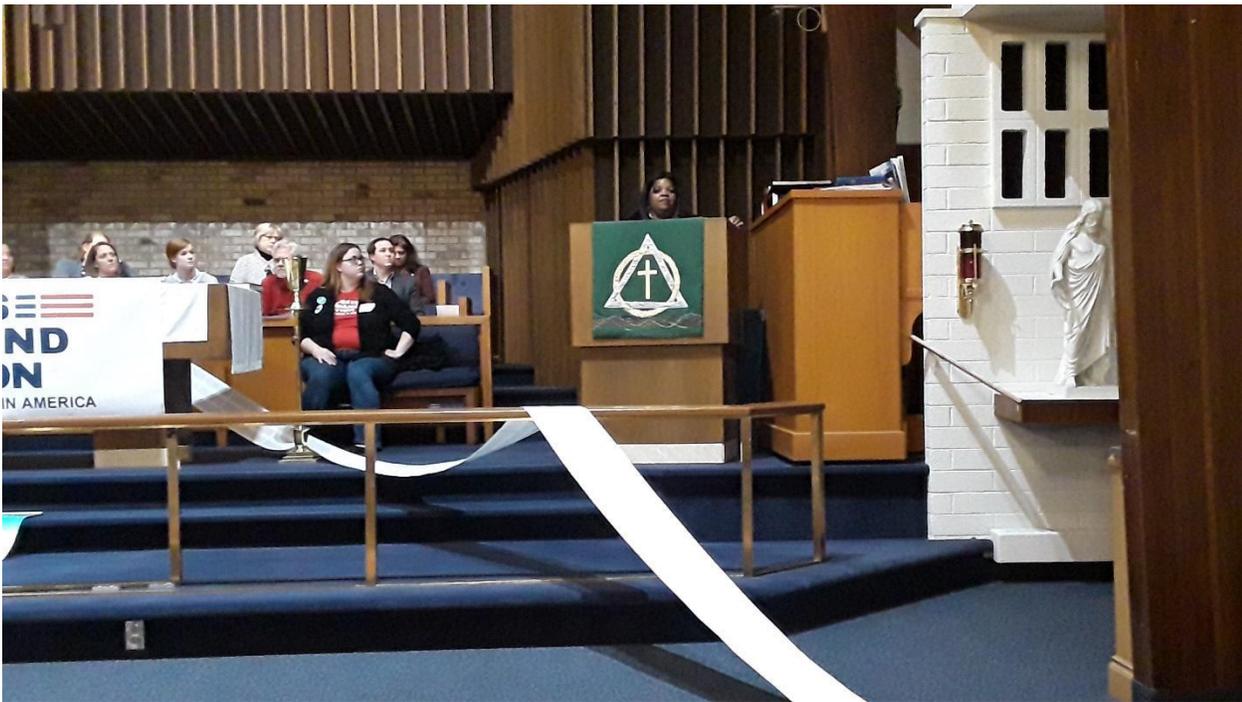
On Tuesday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer gave her first State of the State address, outlining her vision for the state and calling for bipartisan collaboration to address the issues that matter most to Michigan's working families. After attending my first state of the state address as an elected official, I am encouraged by the plan and vision Gov. Whitmer has for Michigan. I am most encouraged by the governor's passion and commitment to our children and our education system. In many ways, the other challenges our state faces are a direct result of failures in our education system, but we can fix them. We have a lot of work to do, but we also have hope, and that is what will get us through all the hard work.

## Sylvan Lake Coffee Hour



I was happy to spend time talking to every one of you who came out to my second coffee hour in Sylvan Lake, and I am looking forward to the next time we can get together face-to-face. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have concerns or there is any way we can help you.

## Moms Demand Action



I joined Rep. Wittenberg to talk with Moms Demand Action to talk about how we can keep our children and communities safe. There are a lot of common-sense solutions that we need to put forward so we can put an end to the senseless violence that takes place across our country and threatens the lives of our children.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### *Coffee and Conversation*

Friday, March 1 from 9-10:30 a.m. at Bravo Cafe Coney Island, 621 Auburn Avenue in Pontiac

#### *How it Works: Our Political System*

Please join me and my special guest state Rep. Sheldon Neeley from the 34th District to learn about different levels of government, and the responsibilities of the elected officials in those offices. Friday, March 1 from 5-7pm at 331 W. Walton Blvd, Suite 1, in Pontiac.

#### *Brews with Brenda*

Friday, April 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Dimitri's Opa Restaurant & Bar, 3315 Auburn Road in Auburn Hills.

Thank you for taking the time to read this e-newsletter, and I hope you will stay tuned for more legislative updates, resources and community events schedules to come.

In Service,

State Representative Brenda Carter  
29<sup>th</sup> House District

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