



**Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes  
Turnagain Community Council  
February 4, 2021**

**Blacks History Month**

During the 2019 Legislative Session, SB40 established the month of February as Black History Month. What an honor it is to have this recognition permanently in State Statues. We celebrate this month by remembering the achievements and inventions of African Americans who made a difference in U.S history. For example, Otis Boykin's work on electrical resistors, made possible the steady workings of a variety of electronic devices. Variations of his resistor models are used around the world today in televisions, computers, and radios. Most notably, however, his work enabled control functions for the first successful implantable pacemaker.

**Organization**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session Senate is underway and organized with a Republican Majority. We were hopeful that a bi-partisan majority would be convened but look forward to working together on behalf of our constituents.

**Legislation**

- **Turning Pain in Progress aka TPIP bills.** These bills represent proposed public safety policy changes with the purpose of making much needed reforms within the public safety sector.
- [SB 1](#): Chokehold ban
- [SB 2](#): Requiring de-escalation
- [SB 3](#): Requiring an oral warning
- [SB 4](#): Prohibit shooting at a moving vehicle
- [SB 5](#): Making Juneteenth a paid holiday
- [SB 7](#): Requiring public access to policies
- [SB 46](#): Law enforcement registry
- [SB 47](#): Vehicle registration for persons w/disabilities





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**Committees**

- Community and Regional Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees
- Ethics Committee - Alternate

**Session Goals**

- The Minority Caucus (six democrats) collective goals are:
  - Protecting Safe and Healthy Communities
  - Strengthening Public Education
  - Recovering Alaska's Economy

**How to Stay Informed**

- During the session, you can tune into the Capitol happenings by watching Gavel to Gavel, my Senator Elvi Facebook and Twitter pages and, of course, my monthly newsletters.

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