

Texas House of Representatives



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State Representative - District 122

What's new in District 122

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great Christmas or Hanukkah and that 2012 is shaping up to be your best year ever. Thanks to all who attended our open house last month and brought donations for Soldiers' Angels. Thanks to the generosity of District 122 residents, we collected a truckload of items that were shipped as care packages during the Christmas holiday to our troops serving overseas.

An Emergency Water Plan for 2012

After several months of research, discussions with stakeholders and various water experts, my office released what we call an emergency water plan for the State of Texas. You can read the plan in its entirety [here](#), and you can view the media coverage here:

[Larson proposes drought-free plan - KSAT](#)

[Larson proposes far ranging state water plan - WOAI 1200](#)

[Emergency state water plan - Austin American-Statesman](#)

The State of the Texas Economy

Ten days into 2012, we have encouraging economic news to report. According to the Comptroller, 2011 state sales tax receipts were up 9.4 percent from fiscal year 2010, after experiencing declines of 6.6 percent in 2010 and 2.7 percent in 2009. Much of this increase can be attributed to the expansion of the oil and gas and manufacturing sectors. To further highlight the positive economic news, oil and natural gas production tax collections in the first four months of fiscal year 2012 were 64 percent higher than during the same period in 2011. For more data about the current state of the Texas economy, visit the Comptroller's website [here](#).

Redistricting

As you may have heard, the United States Supreme Court began hearing arguments yesterday in the Texas redistricting case. After the maps were approved by the Texas Legislature during the session, several lawsuits were filed challenging the legality of the maps based on the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Supreme Court ruling will determine whether the maps drawn by the Legislature will be used and will ultimately determine

when elections will be held in Texas. Last month, the Texas primary date was moved from March to April 3rd to allow time for the legal process to work. The legal wrangling has created a lot of uncertainty for candidates, voters and all involved in the process. We look forward to the Supreme Court's decision and will keep you updated on new developments.

Internship opportunity: We currently have an opening for a part-time legislative intern in our district office for the 2012 spring semester. The intern will be responsible for answering phones, greeting guests, assisting constituents, conducting research, assisting in planning various events throughout the district. View the complete job description [here](#).



Boxing donations with Mary LoPinto and Toby Nunn of Soldiers' Angels

As always, please feel free to contact me if I may ever be of assistance to you by phone at (210) 402-5402 or by email at lyle.larson@house.state.tx.us.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyle Larson', written in a cursive style.

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