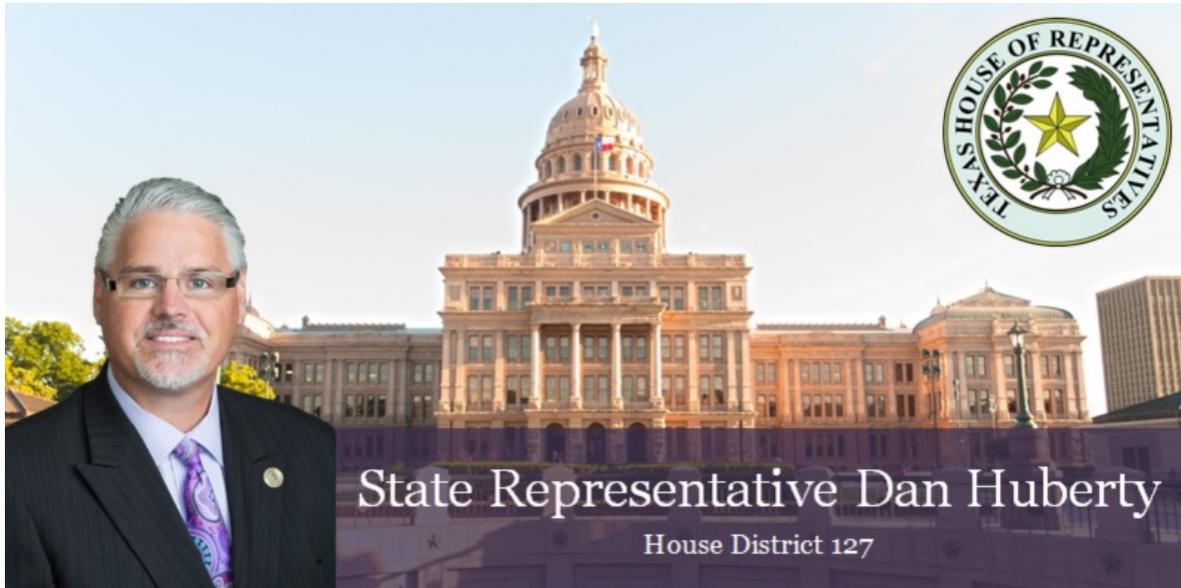


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January 5, 2018

Happy New Year! My District and Capitol offices are both up and running after the Christmas holiday.

In my district office, Casey is working on the Plea for Three Campaign and ensuring that House District 127 gets the protection it needs in the event of another historic rain event. Molly in the Capitol office is working on legislation for the upcoming 86th legislative session. This includes researching the new federal tax bill to see how it affects the school finance system, as well as potential legislation to address the San Jacinto River Authority.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about any of these matters, you can contact my staff directly through the contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

This edition of my disaster series of newsletters contains an update from various supporters of the Plea for Three Campaign and a new temporary housing program through the GLO. This newsletter also contains information about a tax amnesty program implemented by the comptroller, some information from the House Republican Caucus, and an updated list of the upcoming State Board of Education Meetings for public comment.

As always, thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. Please be sure to share the newsletter on Facebook with your friends and family to keep them updated on the most recent information from Austin and House District 127.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty



## New Year Begins with Community Meetings for the SBOE



Two community meetings are scheduled this month in San Antonio and Central Texas to gather public input for the new Long-Range Plan for Public Education that is now being developed.

The State Board of Education, with assistance from an 18-member steering committee, plans to adopt goals for the public education system through the year 2030.

To determine what these specific goals should be, the board is collecting comments around four broad topics:

- Educator preparation, recruitment, and retention
- Equity and access to funding, technology, and advanced courses
- Student engagement and empowerment to provide effective support systems for students and prepare them for life after high school
- Family engagement and empowerment to help parents become strong advocates for their children in the education system.

To gather information about these topics, the board is hosting nine meetings around the state and will soon release an online survey.

The following regional meetings are planned over the next two months:

Jan. 9 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Region 20 Education Service Center located at 1314 Hines Ave. in San Antonio. [Register here.](#)

Jan. 18 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center located at 601 N. Main St. in Salado. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 8 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Region 4 Education Service Center's McKinney Conference Center located at 7200 Northwest 100 Dr. in Houston. [Register here.](#)

Feb. 16 - 9-11 a.m., Rio Grande Valley, location to be determined. Registration not yet opened.

Feb. 28 - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center's Panhandle Conference Center located at 5800 Bell St. in Amarillo. [Register here.](#)

Advance registration for the community meetings is encouraged but not required. A summary of comments received at each community meeting is being prepared. The first document, a summary of comments received at the Nov. 2 El Paso meeting, is available [online.](#)

## Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

### Plea for Three Update



The voice of the Lake Houston Area is being heard and has already received some great momentum. Mayor Sylvester Turner and Council Member Robert Gallegos (District I), sent [their own Plea for Three letters](#) to Governor Abbott and other state elected officials in support of this initiative.

Chairman Lyle Larson, of the Texas Houston Natural Resources Committee has sent [a letter to the Governor](#) as well as a [separate letter to the General Manager of the San Jacinto River Authority.](#)

The City of Humble has declared [a resolution](#) in support of the Plea for Three, which continues to gain momentum through out our community.

**We must keep pushing forward and encouraging more community members to get involved. Visit <http://www.lakehouston.org/recoverlakehouston> for more information.**

- SEND emails to all suggested state officials
- SHARE the campaign with your employees, co-workers, friends, neighbors, and customers
- SPREAD the campaign on social media using #PleaFor3LakeHouston #RecoverLakeHouston. See sample tweets/posts, social media pages/groups at RecoverLakeHouston.com
- SIGN UP to get updates on the "Recover Lake Houston" movement (your email will not be shared or used for purposes other than Recover Lake Houston updates)

## GLO Offers Additional Temporary Housing Program



The Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering program (PREPS) is designed to supplement emergency sheltering when communities are faced with sheltering needs that significantly exceed existing capacity. PREPS performs emergency work and power restoration in disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residences. PREPS provides temporary repairs and allows homeowners to remain in their homes and their communities as they complete permanent repairs.

### **Eligibility:**

An applicant may qualify for PREPS even if they were previously denied or did not accept temporary housing from FEMA. Applicants receiving transitional sheltering assistance (TSA) may be eligible for PREPS.

Applicants may participate in PREPS if they are a pre-disaster homeowner whose primary residence has already undergone a FEMA-issued inspection with a FEMA verified loss of less than \$17,000. FEMA determines if applicants are eligible.

Repairs must be reasonable, necessary, and low-cost to make the home safe for sheltering within the capped repair amount of \$20,000 per housing unit. There is an additional 25% allowance for Access and Functional Needs.

Eligible emergency work includes providing elements necessary for survivors to shelter at home.

Some examples may include:

- Utilities essential for potable water, hot water, HVAC, and minimal food preparation
- Functional kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping accommodations
- Securing and/or essential weatherproofing to include roof, walls, doors, and windows
- Only disaster-damaged single-family owner-occupied residential properties are eligible (Includes stand-alone homes, duplexes and townhomes)

For PREPS questions please call: 1-888-610-1622

Or email: [info@prepstexasrebuilds.com](mailto:info@prepstexasrebuilds.com)

## For Your Information

### Comptroller Announces Temporary Tax Amnesty Program

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced a temporary tax amnesty program giving certain delinquent taxpayers a chance to make their accounts compliant with state tax law without incurring penalties and interest on tax due.

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program will run from May 1 to June 29, 2018. The program applies to periods prior to Jan. 1, 2018, and only includes liabilities that have not been

previously reported to the Comptroller.

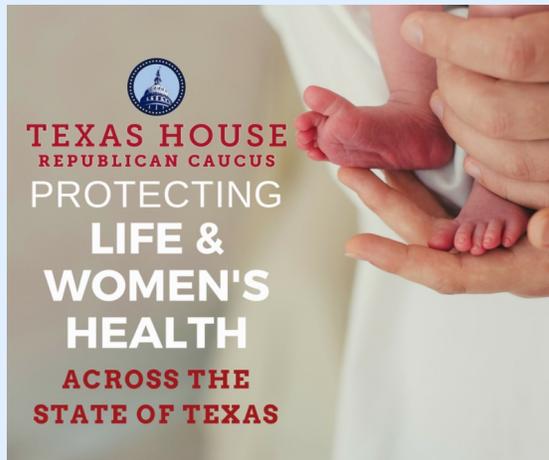
Passed by the Texas Legislature in 2017, Senate Bill 1 requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to establish a tax amnesty program to encourage voluntary reporting by:

- delinquent taxpayers who do not have a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit, or are not registered for a tax or fee administered by the Comptroller's office; and
- taxpayers who have a permit, but may have under-reported or owe additional taxes or fees

The Texas Tax Amnesty Program does not apply to periods currently under audit review, IFTA taxes, PUC Gross Receipts assessments, Local Motor Vehicle Tax and Unclaimed Property payments.

[Check out the tax amnesty page on the Comptroller's website for more details.](#)

## Texas House Republican Caucus Brief - Defending the Unborn



In recent years, the Texas Legislature has repeatedly defended the rights of the unborn and also increased access to women's health services. During the 85th Session, Texas House Republicans extended their commitment to the sanctity of life and made certain that the strongest protections for life are in place in Texas.

In addition, Republicans in the Texas House championed meaningful legislation during the special session ensuring that health plan enrollees and taxpayer dollars are not used to fund elective abortion coverage.

House Republicans passed comprehensive pro-life legislation during the regular session that bans the inhumane procedures of partial-birth and dismemberment abortions and prohibits the sale of fetal tissues and organs.

Texans can count on Republicans in the Texas House to continue to delivery pro-life victories.

## Constituent Resources

### Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

## House District 127 Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered in regard to response and recovery of Hurricane Harvey is posted immediately to our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" us so that you can have the most up-to-date information.



## Upcoming Events

# January 2018

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under each link, you can find R.S.V.P. information, exact times, locations, and much more.

This color box indicates an event in Austin, Texas.	This color box indicates an event in the House District 127 area.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>New Year's Day</b>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <a href="#">Lake Houston Pachyderm Club - Judicial Forum</a>	9 <b>Law Enforcement Appreciation Day</b>	10 <a href="#">Woodland Hills Expansion - Grand Opening</a>	11 <a href="#">Biz-Com Humble</a>	12	13
14	15 <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> <i>(District and Capitol Offices Closed)</i>	16	17 <a href="#">YEP After Hours Event</a>	18	19 <b>Confederate Heroes Day</b>  <a href="#">LHACC Annual Awards Extravaganza</a>	20 <a href="#">Family Time Hearts of Gold Gala</a>
21	22	23 Commission on Public School Finance Meeting	24 <a href="#">KARW - CD 2 Forum</a>	25	26	27 <a href="#">HLSR Boots and Buckles Ball</a>
28	29	30	31			

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