



Capitol Update

District 133 Newsletter

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."



Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung here in Austin! The Bluebonnets are in full bloom and we're getting some early doses of that Texas heat we all know and love. As we mentioned in our last Capitol Update, things are picking up here in preparation for the 84th Legislative Session.

I was in Austin today for the first of four interim hearings for House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development. Today's topic was to study venture capital investment here in Texas and ways to make Texas a better place to invest. We discussed how we compare to the rest of the nation in attracting the venture capital dollars that are so important in keeping Texas at the forefront of job creation and growth. We heard from eleven different witnesses on both the past efforts of the Legislature concerning venture capital and regulatory actions that affect the industry today. Overall, Texas has properly positioned itself to attract venture capital business. The next hearing will focus on Public Private Partnerships.

Please remember that all committees hear testimony from the public and you are welcome to add your voice here in Austin. All hearings are archived [here](#) and available for viewing.

We also had a chance to meet with the fine folks over at the Legislative Budget Board about the upcoming session. Did you know that they are the agency that does periodic reviews of school districts? We didn't! They also have a portal where anyone (yes, even you!) can submit an agency performance review. The link is on their website-www.lbb.state.tx.us. The site is filled with some very interesting information.

As always, both of my offices in Houston and Austin are here as a constant resource for you. If you are interested in what is happening now at the Texas Legislature, or around the district, please like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for continuous updates.

If you are ever in Austin, please make a trip to my office in the Capitol. We have a place to rest your feet and friendly faces to help you with any questions. We enjoy working for you and look forward to being of service.

Around the District

Attention Cyclists! We are 8 days away from the BP MS 150 ride and registration closes tomorrow. This ride is the largest event of its kind in North America and begins at Tully Stadium in the heart of District 133! For additional details on the race, please click [here](#).

Need a Speaker?

Many folks have reached out to us and Rep. Murphy has been speaking all over town-- Thank you! Jim is always looking for additional ways to serve his neighbors in District 133. Do you need a speaker at your next business meeting or school event? Would your church, club, or civic group enjoy hearing from Jim? Are you a part of a charity or local organization seeking donations for fundraisers? We would be happy to donate auction items and door prizes to help raise funds for your organization.

Please email [Deanna Harrington](#), our District Director, if you are interested in setting up an event.

Austin Attractions

Do you have a trip to your Capitol planned for the near future? If so, there are two more days to visit Texas Vietnam Heroes Exhibit. The exhibit can be found in the Ground Floor Rotunda and will be open from 8am to 8pm. The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument was dedicated last Saturday and is now a permanent fixture of the Capitol Complex. There are dozens of events from educational and informative seminars to musical performances in just the next few weeks. For a list of upcoming events please visit the Texas Capitol Events and Visitor Information website found [here](#). The 'Upcoming Events' tag will show you all of the fun events right around the corner. As always our office is here as a resource for you. No question is too small!

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