



## Capitol Update

District 133 Newsletter

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



## Dear Friends,

One of the best things I get to do is to speak to our community at meetings with school groups, local elected officials, businesses and religious organizations. Accountability starts with accessibility so these meetings are very important to me. A common question I am asked is, "When you are not at the Capitol during session, what do you do as a Legislator?" Although we only convene in Austin every other year for 140 days, we are continuously working to become more educated on issues affecting citizens and preparing for our next legislative session. One of the best ways to accomplish this is through our interim House Committee hearings.

The second of four interim hearings for House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development was held today. We have been studying our state's economy and discussing how we can encourage new business formation and growth. Texas continues to be on the forefront of economic growth, and we are exploring new initiatives to keep

## Need a Speaker?

Many of you have reached out to our office and Representative Murphy has been speaking all over town -- Thank you so much! Jim is always looking for additional ways to serve his neighbors in District 133. Would your church, club, or civic group enjoy hearing from their State Representative? 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

Are you planning a trip to your Capitol? There are dozens of events- from seminars to musical performances- on the horizon! There is an Egg Hunt for little ones this Saturday morning. 'Picturing Texas Agriculture' opened yesterday in the Ground Floor Rotunda and will be here for the next two weeks. This exhibit is made up of prize-winning images from eight categories – Agricultural Equipment, Animals, Agriculture Architecture, Texas Crops, True Texas Foods, People in Agriculture, Agriculture Education, and Weights and Measures. The exhibit is free to the public and open daily. For a list of upcoming events please visit the Texas Capitol Events and Visitor Information website found [here](#). As always our office is here as a resource for you. No question is too small!

our state economically competitive. The purpose of today's hearing was to study rules governing public-private partnerships to ensure a fair, competitive, and transparent process that benefits all of the parties involved. The next hearing will evaluate our states economic development incentives to determine if they are achieving the goals they were designed to accomplish.

Many other committees are meeting under the dome before next session begins and all committees are open to the public. You are welcome to add your voice here in Austin. Hearings are archived [here](#) and available for viewing. After our hearings have concluded, we will develop recommendations from each committee. These will then be the starting point for legislation that will be considered in the 84th session beginning January 2015. Not all legislative ideas come from these interim committees, but the process works well for major, long term issues that require extensive study. I am happy to keep you updated on the work we're doing for a better Texas.

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.

## Around the District

An Architectural Digest article entitled 'How Houston Reinvented Itself as a Cultural Powerhouse' mentions three places in and around District 133. Click [here](#) to read the entire article.

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