



# GENE WU

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



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## NEWSLETTER

### VOTETEXAS.GOV - Important Information for the 2016 Election

It's election season and I'm joining Texas Secretary of State Carlos H. Cascos to make sure you have some important information before you head to the polls to cast your vote. The 2016 General Election is on Tuesday, November 8th, with early voting from Monday, October 24th, through Friday, November 4th. Any registered voter can take part in early voting and we strongly encourage you to do so. During early voting you can vote at any polling location in your county of registration.



#### VOTING SCHEDULE

<b>October 11</b>	Deadline to register to vote
<b>October 24 - November 4</b>	Early Voting
<b>October 28</b>	Deadline to request ballot by mail
<b>November 8</b>	General Election

Visit [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov) or call 1-800-252-VOTE to easily find answers to all your voting questions, like:

- When, Where and How to Vote
- How to Register to Vote
- Your Rights as a Voter
- ID Requirements for Voting in Person

Stay updated and find more information about the voting process in Texas on social media.

- Follow @VoteTexas on Twitter and Instagram
- Like [www.facebook.com/txsecretary](http://www.facebook.com/txsecretary)

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## Important Information for the 2016 Election - cont'd

National Voter Registration Day was September 27, 2016. Are you registered to vote? To find out, you can look up your name or address here: <http://www.hctax.net/Voter/Search>. **To vote in the General Election on November 8th, you must be registered by the October 11th deadline.**

If you have moved and need to change your voter registration to reflect your current address: <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

You may vote early by mail-in ballot if you are registered to vote and meet one of the following criteria:

- Away from the county of residence on Election Day and during the early voting period;
- Sick or disabled;
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day;
- or Confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

To download an application to vote by mail: <http://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo/BallotByMail.aspx>

Resources for Military or Overseas Voters: <http://harrisvotes.com/VotingInfo/MilOverSeas.aspx>



*At Texas A&M University, Gene discussed Texas Voter ID Laws in observance of Constitution Day.*



### National Night Out | Tuesday, October 4th | 6-9 PM

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign with a mission to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

Thank you to the Houston Police Department (HPD) and all of our officers, especially those who build trust through community outreach. Civic leaders and residents interested in more information can visit HPD's National Night Out webpage at <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/chief/nno16/nno16.pdf>.

We hope that you enjoy the evening with neighbors, helping strengthen police-community relationships, and joining Americans around the country in a united stand against crime.

There are numerous events taking place on October 4th throughout District 137. **If you would like to help by attending an event and providing a greeting message from State Representative Gene Wu,** please contact our office at **713-271-3900** or **District137.Wu@house.texas.gov**.

## Emergency Assistance: STEAR

September is National Preparedness Month. Do you or anyone you know need some assistance during times of an emergency event? The state of Texas presents the STEAR program, a free registry that provides local emergency planners and emergency responders with additional information on the needs in their community.

Any resident may register for assistance under the STEAR program if they have any condition, healthcare need, or situation that would require additional assistance during an emergency.



### Who Should Register?

- People with Disabilities
- People with access and functional needs such as:
  - Those who have limited mobility
  - Those who have communication barriers
  - Those who require additional medical assistance
  - Those who require transportation assistance
  - Those who require personal care assistance

### Register for STEAR. It's easy!

1. Online at [texasstear.org](http://texasstear.org)
2. Call 2-1-1 or 877-541-7905 (VRS)

Texas communities use the registry information in different ways. Registering yourself in the STEAR registry DOES NOT guarantee that you will receive a specific service during an emergency. Available services will vary by community. For more information on how Houston will use the STEAR registry, contact the City of Houston Office of Emergency Management: call the office at (713) 884-4500, or visit [www.houstonoem.org](http://www.houstonoem.org).

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## Free Health Screening by CVS Pharmacy



CVS Pharmacy is working to improve access to health care and ensure that the cost is not a barrier to critical preventive services. This fall, free health services are being offered at a CVS store near you. No appointment necessary.

Visit [www.cvs.com/project-health](http://www.cvs.com/project-health). Click on Find an Event for an event near you or call 855-287-7867.

### CVS Project Health events within or near District 137:

- 10/6, 2pm - 6pm | 11540 Westheimer Road, 77077
- 10/7, 2pm - 6pm | 11012 Richmond Avenue, 77042
- 10/8, 2pm - 6pm | 7950 South Gessner Street, 77036
- 10/9, 2pm - 6pm | 7102 Beechnut Street, 77074
- 10/13, 2pm - 6pm | 5430 Bissonnet Street, 77401
- 10/14, 2pm - 6pm | 9292 Westheimer Road, 77063
- 10/15, 2pm - 6pm | 6545 Westheimer Road, 77057
- 10/16, 2pm - 6pm | 5402 Westheimer Road, 77056
- 10/20, 2pm - 6pm | 5204 Richmond Avenue, 77056

### HEALTH SCREENINGS\*

- Body mass index (BMI)
- Blood pressure
- Glucose<sub>†</sub>
- Total cholesterol<sub>†</sub>

### PLUS

- Professional Consultations
- Smoking cessation counseling
- Speak with a health plan rep at select locations<sub>††</sub>



Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, Alliance for Multicultural Community Services, Refugee Services of Texas, YMCA of Greater Houston, Bilingual Education Institute, and Partnership for the Advancement & Immersion of Refugees are only some of the organizations working in Houston to assist refugees. Many of the refugee service organizations are headquartered in District 137.

"Texans are compassionate and hospitable people, and our state has a long and proud history of helping refugees. At a time when the most vulnerable people in the world need help, we should not turn our backs. I am deeply grateful and humbled by the work being done by the refugee service organizations in our community. I join them with volunteers and advocates in Houston and across the state in remaining steadfast in our commitment to welcome refugees."

"The State's withdrawal also sends the wrong message to our business partners. Houston leaders have spent decades building a reputation that Texas is a friendly and inviting place for international business. This action by Texas leaders says the opposite. I encourage all Texans to support the resettlement of refugees – men, women and children who have escaped the horrors of war, abuse and torture. They are simply trying to rebuild their lives. Please don't let these hurting people get caught in the middle."

- State Rep. Gene Wu

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### ...And other recent stories

Each year, Representative Wu selects a nominee to receive the Texas Armed Services Scholarship. This year Rep. Wu nominated Jordan Bradford, a freshman at Texas A&M pursuing a degree in Construction Science.

The Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) was created by the Texas Legislature to provide financial opportunities so students can attain a college education and pursue a military career by participating in a college ROTC program.

"Jordan is an exceptional young man with a bright future ahead of him," said Rep. Wu. "I am impressed by his resolve to serve our country, and his passion for helping others."



*Jordan Bradford*  
2016 TASSP Nominee for District 137

Check out our announcement here: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/news/member/press-releases/?id=5908>



Rep. Wu congratulated **ARVO Realty Advisors** as a 2016 National Association of Business Resources honoree, and on being named **one of Houston's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in 2016**.

ARVO Realty Advisors, a commercial real estate firm located in District 137, was recognized for its exceptional human resources practices as well as its healthy work environment and its success in motivating staff.

On August 26th, **Rep. Wu helped celebrate Women's Equality Day with the League of Women Voters of the Houston Area**, and presented a resolution to honor the 96th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



Women gained the right to vote in 1920, after a 72-year campaign for women's suffrage that began in 1848 at the Seneca Falls convention in New York. The League of Women Voters was established just six months later, and through the years, this nonpartisan group has continued the spirit of the suffrage movement by working to secure voting rights for all eligible citizens, particularly those from underserved communities, and by seeking to further the American tradition of fair, free, and accessible elections.



Senior Citizens from the Southwest area were invited as guests of honor at the **2nd Annual Senior Citizens Appreciation Luncheon** hosted by the Department of Neighborhoods Mayor's Citizen Assistance Office and The Police and Clergy Team (P.A.C.T) in celebration of September being National Grandparents Month.

Seniors were greeted by Mayor Sylvester Turner, Council Member Mike Laster, and State Representative Gene Wu. Attendees were given certificates of appreciation, fruit baskets and other goodies. It was a great success!



On September 5th, we observed the **Labor Day** holiday, and acknowledged the social and economic achievements of American workers who have contributed to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

**Gene celebrated the Labor Day holiday with senior citizen at the Bellerive**, a senior living apartment managed by the Houston Housing Authority.





The **Teen And Police Service (TAPS) Academy** is a research based program focused on mentorship and interaction to reduce the social distance between teens and law enforcement.

TAPS Academy has programs at three locations in District 137:

- Wisdom High School
- Burnett Bayland Rehabilitation Center
- Beechnut Academy

Representative Wu sat down with Co-Founder, Dr. E.B. Penn, and Program Director, Megan Harper to discuss ways to reach more at-risk youth in Texas schools.

NEWS STORY: Lewis, Brooke A. (2016, August 5). TAPS program breaks down barriers between troubled teens, police. *The Houston Chronicle*.

Each year, the **Texas Tribune Festival** brings together some of the biggest names in politics to explore the state's — and nation's — most pressing issues. This year, Representative Wu participated as a panelist to discuss the upcoming legislative session. He joined fellow House members Carol Alvarado (Houston), Linda Koop (Dallas), Drew Springer (Muenster), Jonathan Stickland (Bedford), and Chris Turner (Dallas).



## Sharpstown Wok & Roll - Saturday Nov. 5th

The Sharpstown Civic Association will host the Sharpstown Wok & Roll on Saturday, November 5th.

Walk or bike through the Sharpstown neighborhood with a break at Diho Square in Chinatown for delicious goodies!

### SHARPSTOWN WOK & ROLL!

**Saturday, November 5  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Lansdale Park  
8201 Roos Road  
Houston, TX 77036**

**Register here to join the fun:**

<http://www.sharpstowncivic.org/wok-and-roll/wok-and-roll-registration/>