

13. In the 1970s, a 'theft of services' bill was signed into Texas law to protect owners of rent-to-own businesses from losing their real property from non-paying customers. The law makes it a criminal offense to keep rental property once a demand is made for its return due to non-payment or other violation of the contract. If a customer is late on a payment or failed to make a payment, the rental company has a legal right to contact law enforcement to file charges against the rental customer. Even if the customer returns the property or makes the required payment, once the charges have been filed and an arrest made, the crime is complete. During the interim, the Business & Industry Committee, which I serve on, heard testimony from witnesses who believe this legislation is problematic as it requires law enforcement to enforce private contracts and could negatively impact a customer's life and family, once criminal charges are filed against them. Should this legislation be revisited to eliminate the criminal charges?

Yes No

I would like to explain:

14. At many companies throughout the United States, earned paid leave is a sought-after benefit available to salaried employees. Many of these employees use earned paid leave for the birth of a child, illness, death in the family or to attend a child's school event. Should employers with more than 50 employees extend this type of benefit to hourly employees who earn it?

Yes No

I would like to explain:

15. Automatic voter registration is where a person automatically becomes registered to vote when they apply for identification or a driver's license through their state department of motor vehicle. Typically, individuals can opt out of the automatic voter registration process, if they like by checking a box. Is automatic voter registration a good idea or bad idea for Texas?

Good idea Bad idea

I would like to explain:



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★ HOUSE DISTRICT 95 EVENTS ★

Town Hall Thursday – TxDot

Date: August 16, 2018

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Martin Luther King
Community Center

5565 Truman Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76112

Town Hall Thursday – Group Homes

Date: September 20, 2018

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Bradley Community Center
2601 Timberline Dr.
Fort Worth, Texas 76119

5th Annual Reading with the Rep.

Date: October 30, 2018

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Costumes Welcomed!

Location: Forest Hill Library
6962 Forest Hill Dr.
Forest Hill, Texas 76140

5th Annual Veteran's Day Breakfast

Date: November 10, 2018

Time: 8:00am - 9:30am

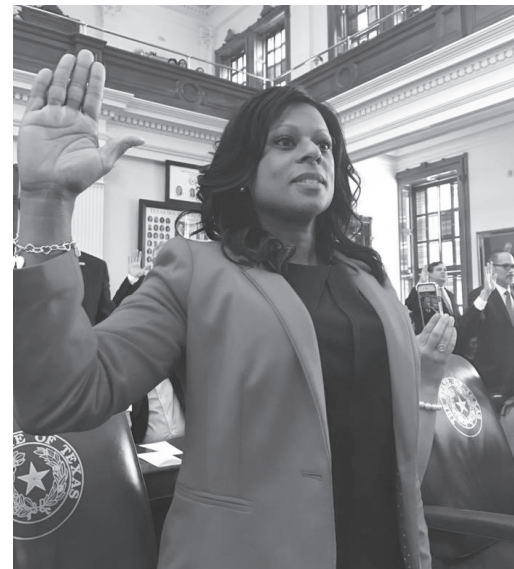
Location: American Legion Post 838
1250 Mansfield Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

Town Hall Thursday – Legislative Last Call

Date: December 13, 2018

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Saintsville Baptist Church
2200 Oak Hill Rd.
Fort Worth, Texas 76112



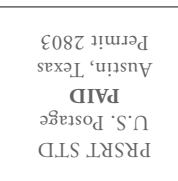
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16. If there are any state-level matters that you would like to make us aware of, please comment below:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey!

Your responses will help us learn of your concerns in order to better serve your needs.

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TARRANT COUNTY
District 95



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DISTRICT 95



Your opinions matter and we want to hear from you!

After you complete the questionnaire, fold it in the opposite direction, then in thirds with the return address panel on the outside. Tape the questionnaire, place a stamp on the specified area and send it back.

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1. Rate the following issues in order of priority from 1 to 9 (*1 being the top priority and 9 being the lowest priority*):

___ Improving our Public Education ___ Criminal Justice Reform

___ Protecting Property Rights ___ Affordable Healthcare

___ Environmental Issues ___ Jobs and Economic Development

___ Roads and Infrastructure ___ Veterans Issues

___ Border Security

2. Which of the following best represents your views of our public education system? Please do not pick more than three.

I believe schools should offer more vocational and trade classes.

I believe schools should use more technology in the classrooms.

I believe schools need more funding.

I believe schools need more teachers and smaller class room sizes.

I believe we should pay our teachers more money.

I believe schools should offer more dual credit courses in conjunction with Texas colleges and universities.

I believe we should stabilize the teacher retirement system to ensure its' sustainability overtime.

I do not see any problems.

Other _____

★ DISTRICT 95 ★ CONSTITUENT QUESTIONNAIRE ★

3. Understanding that just under half of the funding for Texas’ State Highway Fund comes from the federal government, the state’s motor fuels taxes and auto registration fees account for a bulk of the state’s revenue. There is a need to expand and repair our existing highway system. If you had to choose, which area would you recommend the state consider looking into for funding:

- Stop the diversion of transportation funds to balance the budget.
- Add more toll roads like the Chisholm Trail Parkway.
- Create more Public-Private partnerships like the North Tarrant Express (NTE/ I-35).
- Increase the state gasoline tax.
- Increase fees for license plates and/or safety inspection stickers.
- Other _____

4. In 2003, Texas deregulated tuition and fees for its public four-year universities and colleges. According to figures from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the state average for tuition and fees for an undergraduate student taking 15 semester credit hours at a public university, went from \$1,934 in the fall of 2003 to \$4,091 in the fall of 2014. Do you believe the cost of higher education has kept up with inflation and is currently affordable? If not, what do you think should be done to lower the cost?

- Yes No
- _____
- _____
- _____

5. Do you feel well-informed about:

A. The cost and coverage of your health insurance policy? For example, do you know what is considered in-network or out of network, the amount of your deductible for each, and your expected out of pocket expenses?

- Yes No

B. If not, do you think Texas should require more transparency? I would like to explain:

- Yes No

6. The student body of traditional public schools is usually made up of students living in the surrounding neighborhoods, but open enrollment charter schools, which also receive state funding, do not have to accept nearby students. Do you think open-enrollment charter schools should have attendance zones like traditional public schools or a modified version of attendance zones?

- Yes No

I would like to explain:

7. Currently, the Texas Constitution limits state spending in certain areas, and while the state budget must adhere to these limitations, the same types of limitations do not apply to municipal or county spending. During the 85th legislative special session, legislation was introduced to limit local government spending to reflect the population growth and the rate of inflation. Do you believe local governments should be allowed to determine their own budgets, or should the state set limits on local budgets?

- Yes No

I would like to explain:

8. In Texas, the deadline for a debt collector to file a lawsuit for outstanding consumer debt is usually four years from the date of last payment. Currently, debt collectors have no obligation to tell you this and will often attempt to collect the debt beyond the four-year limitation. Do you believe the state should require debt collectors to tell you that you have no obligation to pay on a debt that is older than four years?

- Yes No

I would like to explain:

9. Lead typically enters drinking water when pipes built using lead erode over time, releasing lead into the water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set the standard of legally actionable levels of lead in drinking water, at more than 15 parts per billion. Legally actionable, as it relates to lead, requires public water systems to let the public know what is being done to protect the public’s health, if the presence of lead exceeds the actionable level. Moreover, if the water system exceeds the acceptable level, a water system may need to replace the lines they control. However, the majority of Texas schools are not considered public water systems. We now know the toxic threat of lead in drinking water extends to thousands of communities across the country. Lead is even contaminating drinking water in schools and preschools — flowing from fountains and faucets where our kids drink water every day. The Fort Worth school district was among the first in North Texas to make changes and by November of 2016, it had replaced those school water fountains that contained actionable levels of lead. Eight hundred Texas schools have tested their water for lead contamination. Sixty-five percent of them, which have tested for lead in drinking water, have measured unsafe levels. Should the state assist schools with funding to test and remove actionable levels of lead from that school’s drinking water outlets?

- Yes No

I would like to explain:

10. Straight party ticket voting refers to a voter’s ability to check one box at the ballot booth and automatically select all of a single party’s candidates in that year’s general election. This option is set to end on September 1, 2020. Do you believe that the elimination of straight party ticket voting is a good idea?

- Yes No

I would like to explain:

11. In light of the mass shootings in Sante Fe, Texas, Parkland, Florida, and elsewhere throughout the country, should Texas focus on:


- Increasing Mental Health Programs in the State Repealing Open Carry
- Requiring universal background checks at the point of sale or transfer of any firearm, even at gun shows
- Implementing a “red flag” law* Arming more school personnel
- Increasing school counselors Other _____

* A red flag law typically allows law enforcement, a family member, school employee, or a district attorney to file a petition seeking the removal of firearms from a potentially dangerous person, after legal due process has been provided. (As outlined in Governor Abbott’s May 2018 School Safety action plan following the Santa Fe School Shooting.)

12. Two major requirements for individuals who want to carry concealed handguns in Texas are to successfully complete a licensing test and demonstrate handgun proficiency (shooting) in front of a Texas qualified license to carry instructor. However, Texas has reciprocity agreements with various states whereby Texas recognizes that state’s concealed handgun license as if it was earned in this state. For example, Texas has a reciprocity agreement with the state of Virginia. However, there is no requirement for Texas residents to demonstrate actual proficiency in handling a handgun in order to obtain their Virginia concealed handgun license. Should Texas eliminate or modify reciprocity agreements with other states that do not have the exact same handgun licensing requirements?

- Yes No

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