



TONI ROSE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 110



2014 INTERIM NEWSLETTER

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 110

Dear Constituents of House District 110:

It is a great honor and privilege to continue to serve as your State Representative. I would like to thank you for all of the input, feedback, and personal perspective you have given to me. Please continue to contact both the capitol and district offices regarding your concerns.

This newsletter will give you a glimpse into the activities and events that my office has been engaged in during the interim. From public hearings to open houses, we have been busy connecting with our communities and making sure that the entire state is aware of House District 110!

In a few short months, I will return to Austin to work with fellow legislators in the 84th Legislative Session, which will convene on January 13, 2015. An array of issues and laws will be discussed, including those in: Public Education, Water, Transportation, Foster Care Redesign and Juvenile Corrections.

Before returning to the capitol, I will host a series of Town Hall meetings across the district. It is important to me to keep an open communication with all District 110 constituents and the meetings will give us greater opportunity to discuss pertinent issues and/or concerns.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve District 110 and the great State of Texas. If you have not joined my e-mail communication list, please send your contact information to me at District110.Rose@house.state.tx.us or call the district office at 214-371-3300. I am looking to meeting with you soon!

Yours in Service,

Toni Rose
State Representative
District 110

★ AROUND THE DISTRICT ★

DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Representative Rose will host two town hall meetings to update constituents on State issues and her proposed legislative agenda for the 84th Legislative session which will convene in January of 2015. During the town hall meetings constituents will be given an oppor-

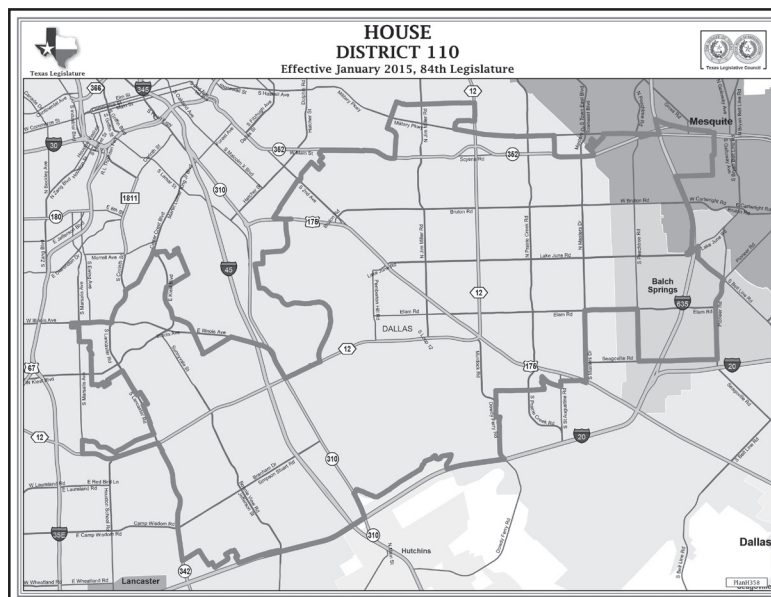
tunity to share ideas and concerns that can be addressed on a state-wide level to improve the lives of all Texans. While the town halls are open to all residents of District 110, those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP to ensure enough materials are available.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014
6-8 P.M.
TOMMIE ALLEN RECREATION CENTER
7071 BONNIE VIEW ROAD
DALLAS, TEXAS 75241
CALL 214.371.3300 TO RSVP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
6-8 P.M.
BALCH SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER
12400 ELAM ROAD
BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS 75180
CALL 214.371.3300 TO RSVP

ON THE BALLOT NOVEMBER 4, 2014: PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1

PROPOSITION	SUPPORTERS SAY	OPPONENTS SAY
(S.J.R.1) Providing for the use of and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads.	<p>Amendment created due to key factors, including: growth of the state's population and economy, and increased usage of public roadways.</p> <p>Will result in a steady stream of additional highway money that could be used for long-term planning by transportation administrators.</p> <p>Will affect deposits to the economic stabilization fund and does not raise taxes/fees and has no effect on money coming out of the fund.</p>	<p>Funding should be completed through state government appropriations, instead of being delegated to voters.</p> <p>Oil & gas production taxes should not be considered as a long-term solution to transportation funding.</p> <p>The amount of funds allocated in amendment will only cover one quarter of the funds needed to keep up with an increasing demand for transportation funding.</p>



HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

Introduction

Bills are introduced on the House floor by the member who wrote the bill. A brief description of the bill is read out loud in the chamber. The bill is then assigned to a committee.

Committee

In committee, members listen to testimony from the public, discuss issues relating to the bill, and then decide whether to move it on to the House floor for debate.

Floor Action

Bills are debated on the House floor. Changes can be made to the bill if a majority of the members agree. Members vote; if a majority are in favor, the bill goes to the Senate chamber for approval.

Sign the Bill

If both the Senate and the House vote in favor of a bill, it goes to the Governor's office for his signature, officially making the bill a Texas law.

NEW SATELLITE OFFICE OPENS IN BALCH SPRINGS

In an effort to be more accessible to constituents on the east side of the district, a new satellite office has been created in Balch Springs. The Balch Springs location will give constituents in East Dallas, Balch Springs and Mesquite better access to the Representative and her staff for assistance with legislative questions or concerns, as well as assistance with state agencies. The office had its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 with over 75 persons in attendance, including city and county elected officials, constituents and supporters. The City of Balch Springs is located 16 miles east of downtown Dallas, with an estimated 25,000 residents. Since taking office in 2013, Representative Rose has seen economic development and community relations flourish in the city. "Mayor Gordon, council members and city staff have all been very instrumental in making this office location a reality. I am honored to expand operations to Balch Springs and look forward to increasing accessibility to HD110 constituents." **The office is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.**



Representative Rose with Dallas County elected officials, members of Balch Springs City Council and Chamber of Commerce at satellite office ribbon cutting.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSE TO INITIATE JAKS LITERARY CLUB

Research indicates that children who read outside of school have better academic success, speech and vocabulary. To increase literacy in the District, Representative Rose has partnered with area students to establish a book club for children and teens. The brain child of community activist Evelyn Dickerson, *The Toni Rose JAKS Book Club* is geared towards elementary and middle school children. Last semester, Ms. Dickerson became acquainted with four young ladies at J.N. Ervin Elementary School that loved to read. The girls, all in the 5th grade, were concerned about what would become of their club once they were promoted. She encouraged them to start their own book club

and worked with business owners and volunteers in donating books to the entire school to encourage reading enrichment.

Representative Rose recently met with the students during an annual Dr. Seuss Day event and was impressed with their zeal for learning. As a result, the district-wide club was created.

If you have a child that is interested in participating, or if you are part of an organization that is able to donate books, please contact the district office at 214-371-3300 for more information. The first book(s) and meeting will be announced during the October Town Hall meetings.

REPRESENTATIVE ROSE APPOINTED TO INTERIM SELECT COMMITTEES

During the interim, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, Joe Straus, appointed Representative Rose to two additional committees: **the Joint Committee on Human Trafficking** and the **Select Committee on Child Protection**.

The Joint Committee on Human Trafficking, established in the 2011 legislative session and renewed by the Legislature last year, is charged with studying ways to combat this crime and identify services available to victims. An estimated 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States each year, and the number of U.S. citizens trafficked within the country is estimated to be even higher. Given its size and proximity to a major international border, Texas is often a focal point for human trafficking activity.

The House Select Committee on Child Protection is charged with studying the incidence of abuse and fatalities related to neglect in Texas and making recommendations to protect children. The select committee will also partner with the public members of the Protect our Kids Commission, which the Legislature created in 2013. The commission will study the rate of child abuse and neglect fatalities and recommend strategies to prevent and reduce them. Representative Rose also serves on the House Committees for Corrections and Human Services.



Members of the Joint Committee on Human Trafficking gather in McAllen to hear testimony from state agencies and constituents regarding this growing issue.

NEW LAW TO BENEFIT CAR OWNERS

Beginning March 2015, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be implementing a single-sticker system for vehicle registrations and inspections. After March, registration will need to be obtained within 90 days of the passed inspection. As usual, there is no need to replace current stickers unless they are set to expire.

Remember: Should your vehicle fail inspection, there is no charge to have it re-inspected, as long as you have the inspection done at the same station and within 15 days.

EDUCATION

There is nothing more important to long-term success than a quality education! Representative Rose stays connected with students and teachers at schools in the district, which include schools from Dallas ISD and Mesquite ISD, private, and charter schools. During National Reading Month, Representative Rose partnered with the United Way to read at **Edward Titche Elementary School**. The theme of the day was “Dr. Seuss” and classrooms were filled with volunteers from across Dallas County. At **J.N. Ervin Elementary School**, Representative Rose partnered with District 110 business owner Hiawatha Williams (Williams Chicken) to donate books to the library. Career Day at **O.W. Holmes Middle School** gave Representative Rose an opportunity to meet future leaders and educate them on policy and procedure in the Texas House of Representatives. **Congratulations to the Class of 2014** including those that received Baccalaureate degrees from **Paul Quinn College**.



National Reading Day was celebrated at Edward Titche Elementary in Dallas ISD. Representative Rose read to a 2nd grade ESL class.



Representative Rose discusses state health issues with Parkland CEO Dr. Fred Cerise and Dallas County Commissioner, Dr. Theresa Daniel.

HEALTHCARE

Last December, Representative Rose hosted an Affordable Healthcare Workshop at Eastfield Community College - Pleasant Grove Campus. The workshop provided attendees an opportunity to enroll in insurance plans and learn about available medical services in District 110. Two new clinics were officially welcomed to the District by Representative Rose: **My Children’s Pediatric Clinic** Lancaster Road and **Foremost Family Health Care Center** in Balch Springs. Constituents will be able to receive an affordable array of medical services at each clinic. Representative Rose also met with **Parkland Health and Hospital System’s** new Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Frederick Cerise. Dr. Cerise, along with elected officials and hospital leaders, met with constituents from District 110 in a Town Hall format to receive direct feedback on issues in community healthcare.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Representative Rose visits with as many constituents as she can at various activities and events around the district. In February, she served as a speaker at the **Balch Springs Business Summit**, which gave business leaders an opportunity to network, learn about economic development and legislative issues within the district. Representative Rose was a special guest at the **Southeast Dallas Chamber of Commerce** 18th Annual Awards Banquet in April. The chamber honored educators and public servants from the Pleasant Grove area and raised funds for scholarships. **Paul Quinn College** sponsored the

fundraiser “A Community Cooks” which features professional chefs from across the city to cook in pop-up kitchens at the college’s farm. All proceeds benefit the “We Over Me Farm” which supplies fresh vegetables to the district. During Cinco de Mayo weekend, the **Southeast Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** hosted a parade and community festival. Festival booths were sponsored by local businesses and Dallas County departments and featured helpful information on insurance, dentistry, recycling and more. Over 42 groups participated with Representative Rose in the historic parade.



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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DISTRICT 110

*Your opinions are important and we want to hear from you!
Before mailing the questionnaire, fold and tape it, with the return address on the outside.*

- 1) How are tax dollars best spent?
 - a. Roads
 - b. Education
 - c. Healthcare
 - d. Energy
 - e. Other _____

- 2) My household is affected the most by
 - a. Unemployment, Underemployment
 - b. Quality of Education
 - c. Lack of Adequate Healthcare
 - d. Affordable Housing

- 3) It is estimated that 1.2 million Texans remain uninsured. Are any members of your household ineligible for Medicaid, but still cannot afford healthcare via the marketplace?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unsure

- 4) Increased HIV awareness/education would benefit my community.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 5) I am satisfied with the choice of schools in my community for my child to attend.
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unsure

Additional Comments:

Thank you for your time!



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DO YOU HAVE THE 211?

Get help and answers with 211, your link to local and state services. Call 211 for help on the following:

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)** - Helps low-income families buy food they need for good health.
- MBCC (Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer)** - Coverage for uninsured women in need of treatment for breast or cervical cancer.
- TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)** - Providing limited cash assistance to needy dependent children and parents with whom they live. One-time grant available to grandparents of children receiving TANF.
- TNFP (Texas Nurse-Family Partnership)** - A nurse home visitation program improving the health of first-time parents (must be enrolled by 28th week of pregnancy).
- CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program)** - Providing medical coverage to children up to 19 that are not already insured.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Health & Human Services Commission	877-541-7905	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	512-463-9734
Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS)	800-458-9858	Texas Department of Insurance.	800-252-3439
Department of Assistive & Rehabilitation Services (DARS)	800-628-5115	State Bar of Texas	800-633-6630
Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS).	800-720-7777	Texas Workforce Commission.	800-558-8321
Attorney General.	800-252-8011	Texas Department of Public Safety.	512-424-2600