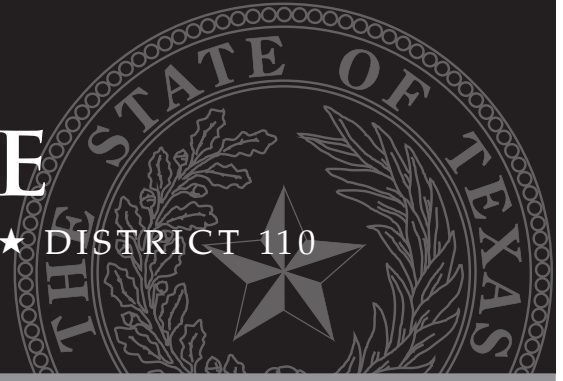




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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 110



INTERIM UPDATE 2016

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STATE REPRESENTATIVE

DISTRICT 110

Dear Constituents of District 110:

Since the conclusion of the 84th Legislative Session, numerous critical issues have been raised regarding the state's approach to education, human services, criminal justice, and mental health care. The Texas Legislature continues to meet to address issues for the upcoming legislative session.

I have the honor to have been appointed to three Interim Committees in addition to my current committee assignments. The Texas Speaker of the House has appointed me to the Legislative Committee on Aging, the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee and the House Select Committee on Mental Health.

As Vice Chair of the House Committee on Human Services as well as a member of the House Committees on Juvenile Justice & Family Issues and Rules & Resolutions, I have been working diligently on your behalf to further improve this district across all six of the current committee assignments.

In addition, I've been hard at work to make a difference in District 110 through local activities and initiatives. Inside, you'll read more about initiatives to bring awareness to the state of Texas regarding Minority Cancer disparities and address food security with urban garden programs that increase access to fresh produce in the district.

Representing District 110 at our state capitol is truly an honor. Thank you for contacting the office to voice your opinions, concerns, and ideas on ways we can make the state of Texas a better place. In the spirit of unity, let us continue working together to move our great state forward through the legislative process.

If you would like more information about how to get involved, do not hesitate call (214) 371-3300 or email the office at district110.rose@house.texas.gov. As your representative I will continue to work to improve District 110 and the state of Texas.

Thank you, again, for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative.

Yours for a better Texas,

Toni Rose
State Representative
District 110

★ ABOUT DISTRICT 110 ★

DISTRICT 110 STATS

	DISTRICT ESTIMATE	DISTRICT PERCENT	STATE
Total Population	174,434		26,092,033
Age			
0 to 4 years	17,497	10.00%	7.40%
5 to 17 years	41,559	23.80%	19.40%
18 to 64 years	101,086	58.00%	62.30%
65 years and over	14,292	8.20%	10.90%
School Status			
In preschool (public or private)	3,044	5.80%	6.10%
In kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school (public or private)	42,139	80.90%	69.00%
In preschool through 12th grade (public only)	43,759	84.00%	68.40%
In college, graduate, or professional school	6,928	13.30%	24.90%
Educational Attainment			
Bachelor's degree or higher	5,708	5.90%	27.10%
Less than high school graduate	37,785	39.30%	18%
Worked at all in the past 12 months	66,624	62.50%	74.30%
Usually worked 35 or more hours per week	44,109	41.40%	49.30%
Usually worked less than 35 hours per week	6,244	5.90%	6.70%
Persons in poverty	55,996	32.30%	17.70%
Per capita income	\$12,484	N/A	\$26,513
Individuals with disabilities	20,346	N/A	2,969,042
Veterans	4,469	N/A	1,564,501
Active duty military	91	N/A	97,573

AT&T BRINGS THE DALLAS ZOO TO SARAH ZUMWALT MIDDLE SCHOOL



AT&T and the Dallas Zoo team up to bring wild life to Sarah Zumwalt Middle School.

At Sarah Zumwalt Middle School, AT&T and the Dallas Zoo surprised a group of students with a lively, yet motivational presentation. This initiative is designed to motivate students to continue to excel in their academic endeavors and allow them to peek behind the curtain of possibilities available within the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

During the presentation, students were given the opportunity to interact physically with the animals brought by the Dallas Zoo. The students reacted with much excitement and curiosity as each animal was brought on stage; and especially enjoyed watching the horned owl fly from the isle to its post on stage.

At one point, a large red tail boa constrictor snake was brought out. Still in awe, a few students bravely touched the constrictor. Some students even volunteered to feed an ant eater avocados out of their hands and Representative Rose even joined in!

Many students expressed interests in zoology and careers in the STEM field. Seeing the animals not only encouraged the young students to study and do well academically, it let them know that with hard work and dedication, anything is possible.

HIGH SCHOOL AEROSPACE SCHOLARS

Representative Rose proudly supports the High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) project. This program allows selected high school juniors throughout the state of Texas to participate in a once in a lifetime experience to explore new frontiers at NASA.

Developed in 1999, by the state of Texas along with the Johnson Space Center (JSC) and the Texas educational community, HAS encourages young students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Since its start, over 8,000 students throughout Texas have participated in the program.

Over a period of six months, during the school year, students complete a series of web-based assignments, and those who score high enough have the opportunity to travel, all-expense

paid, to the Johnson Space Center in Houston during the summer; where all their math and science skills will be put to use. For one week, with the guidance of NASA scientists and engineers, students will take part in many hands-on engineering challenges and even design a human mission to Mars.

Roscoe Harris III, junior at the School of Science and Engineering at Townview Magnet Center and District 110 resident, was selected for this unique opportunity and dedicated six months to complete the web assignments. Harris earned the chance to travel to Houston, Texas and work alongside NASA scientists and engineers as well other students to plan a mission to Mars. Representative Rose is proud of Mr. Harris and all of his accomplishments within the program.

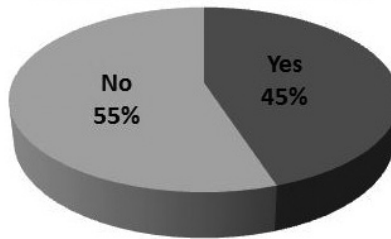
★ COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS ★

THE RESULTS ARE IN

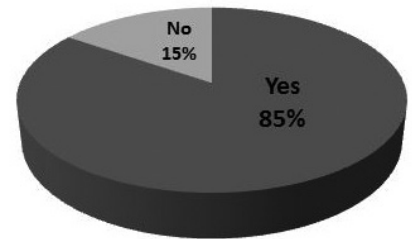
A few months back, our office conducted a community survey to identify your top priorities for the district. The goal was to allow District 110 constituents an opportunity to express your opinions about the direction of state government, and you did just that!

While you will be able to see the full report at the Town Hall meetings on October 4 at the Highland Hills Branch Library, October 17 at Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus and October 19 at the Balch Springs Civic Center, I want to share some of our findings here and encourage you to come out and join me for a conversation about the direction of our community and what you would like to see me accomplish this next legislative session.

Is Your Neighborhood Safe?

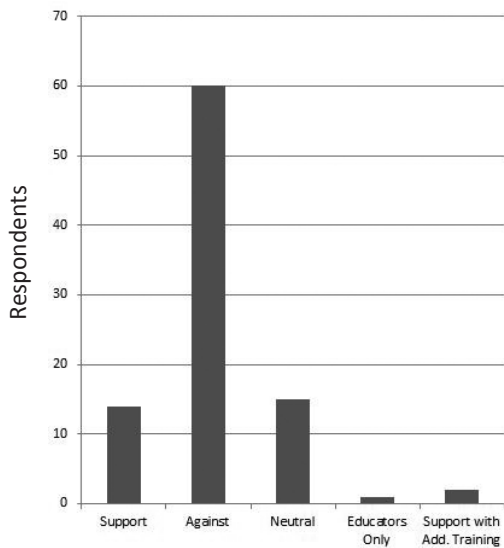


Do More to Recruit/Maintain Business

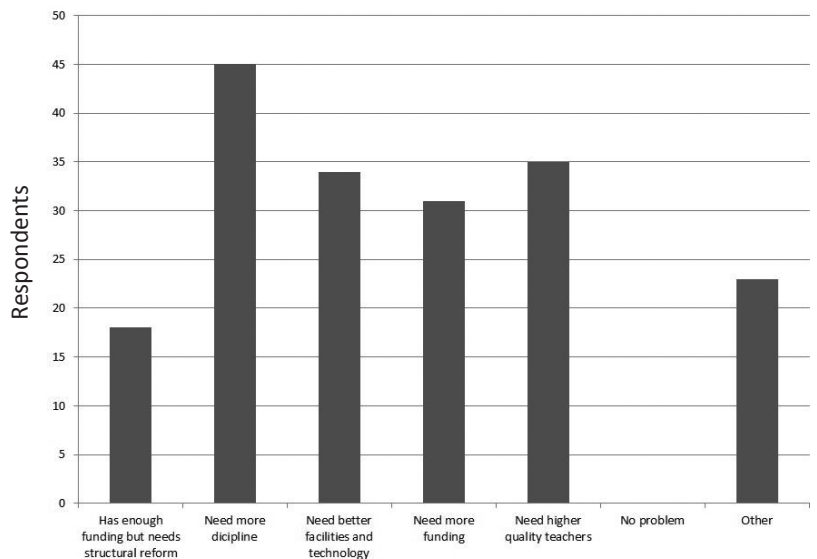


Jobs, schools, safety and access to healthcare are our top district priorities. When we come together in October, I want to hear your ideas on what the state should do to make improvements in these areas and more. This is your chance to help set the agenda for the next legislative session, that starts in January 2017.

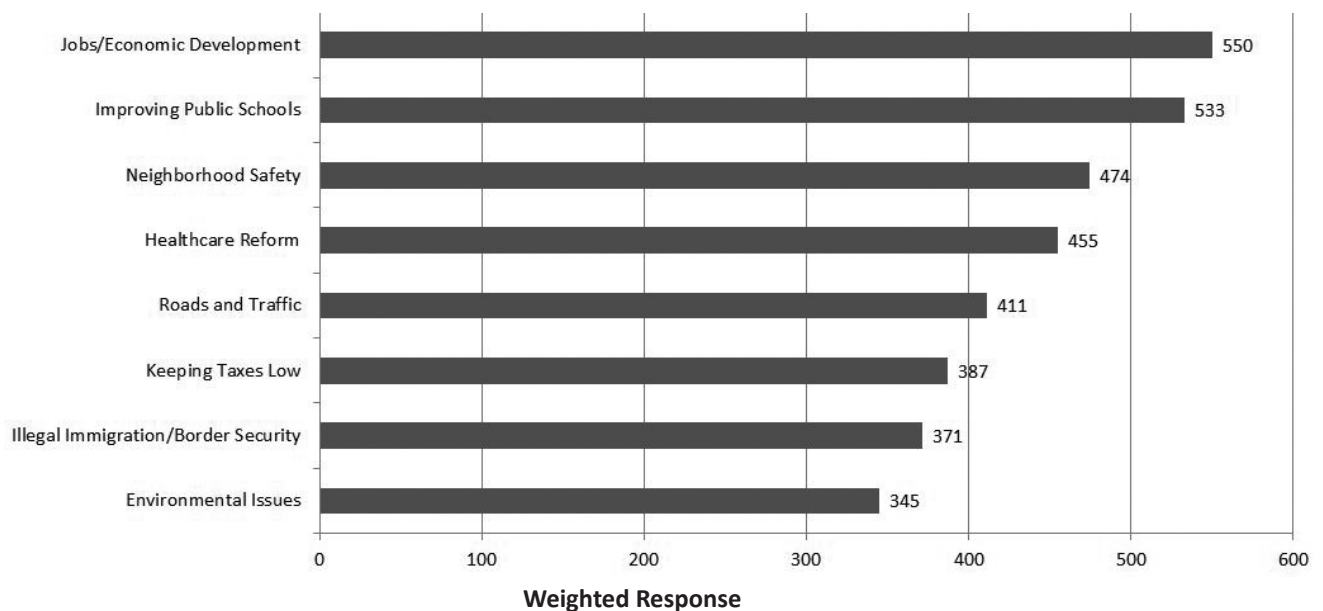
Campus Carry Gun Law



Public Education Areas of Improvement



Major Issues: Priority Ranking Total



*Residents were asked to rank their most important issues in order from Priority Rank 1 as most important to Priority Rank 8 as least important. To review of the response as a whole, answers were weighted by importance; with Priority Rank 1 receiving 8 points, Priority Rank 2 receiving 7 points, Priority Rank 3 receiving 6 points through Priority Rank 8 which received 1 point. Any responses marked but not ranked in order were counted as Priority Rank 8.

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH

Diverse Voices Gathered to Improve Mental Health Approach in Texas

Representative Rose was named to the House Select Committee on Mental Health, which is responsible for examining the state's behavioral health system for both adults and children. "Representative Rose is going to play an important role on this new committee," Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus said. "As the Vice Chair of the Human Services Committee and a member of the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee, she has experience working on many issues that are affected by our approach to mental health care."

Representative Rose took on the task by recognizing the need to be vigilant in diagnosing mental health conditions in individuals and that disparities exist that result in higher tax

payer costs in the criminal justice and public health systems. The committee is now reviewing the behavioral health system by taking a look at how to measure and improve outcomes and improve early identification of mental illness. Substance abuse treatment, increased collaboration and better support for organizations that deliver care will be discussed carefully.

In 2015, the Texas Legislature appropriated \$3.6 billion dollars over the next two years toward mental health services, an increase of more than \$200 million dollars. Our state's renewed commitment to addressing mental health as a whole is also a commitment to the value of all lives impacted by matters of mental health.



Representative Rose asks the tough questions during her many legislative committee hearings in Austin this summer.



THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Rose continues course as a leading voice on issues affecting the quality of life for all Texans

During the Interim Session, Representative Rose was appointed as one of two House Members to serve on the Texas Legislative Committee on Aging. The committee is in charge of studying issues related to the health care, income, transportation, housing, education and the employment needs of Texas seniors.

The Legislative Committee on Aging consists of two members of the Texas Senate, two members of the Texas House of

Representatives and two public members appointed by the Governor. The committee will meet and make recommendations to the Texas Legislature to strengthen existing protections for seniors and take a look at issues linked to the demographic and geographic diversity of the state's aging population. Texas seniors deserve our greatest respect and diligence as it relates to their medical needs, financial needs and quality of life. She fully expects to explore these issues in greater depth as a member of the Legislative Committee on Aging.

THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

TRANSITION LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

As State Agencies Close, Service Delivery Made Priority

Legislation was passed during the 84th Regular Session to eliminate both the Department of Assistance and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) and the Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS). The responsibilities carried out by these state agencies will be transferred to the Health and Human Services Commission.

Representative Rose was appointed by Speaker Joe Straus to serve on the Health and Human Services Transition Legislative Oversight Committee, which was organized to ensure a smooth transition. The committee was established to facilitate

the transfer of state agency functions from DARS and DADS to the Health and Human Services Commission while best preserving service delivery to the public.

Altogether, three agencies will remain: the Department of State Health Services, the Health and Human Services Commission and the Department of Family and Protective Services. The committee will also advise the Executive Commissioner on the reorganization of the commission's structure. The delivery of health and safety services must remain constant and uninterrupted during the agencies transitions.

MINORITY CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The month of April is designated as Minority Cancer Awareness Month. On March 31, 2016, Representative Rose hosted expert panelists to discuss cancer health disparities in minority populations as related to studies, diagnosis and treatment. For example, compared to non-Hispanic whites, the death rate for cancer among blacks is 29% higher in men and 14% higher in women. In another example, the medical community at large thought Hispanics and Latinos had better cancer health outcomes (despite higher risk factors) because of poor data collection practices by medical facilities.

This year, the Moncrief Cancer Institute supported Minority Cancer Awareness Month by rolling their custom built, 18 wheel Mobile Cancer Survivor Clinic from Fort Worth. This \$1.1 million dollar mobile unit's state-of-the-art telecommunication capability enables physicians, cancer psychologists, genetic counselors and other specialists to provide consultations for rural patients through secure video-conferencing technology.

The luncheon carried on an annual event envisioned and founded by State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon. In 2011, Representative McClendon dedicated April as Minority

Cancer Awareness Month in Texas with House Bill 114. Representative McClendon, a cancer survivor, retired from the Texas House of Representatives this year after 20 years of service.



Representative Rose and health experts speak at press conference for Minority Cancer Awareness Month (featured from left to right: Dr. Sylvia Jaramillo, Dr. Rosanna Barrett, Representative Rose, Dr. Keith Argenbright and Dr. Leticia Nogueira)

LET'S GROW TOGETHER

Representative Rose was honored with the opportunity to be a part of an urban garden dedication at Gray Elementary in Balch Springs where students, parents, teachers, volunteers and community members worked diligently to install the garden. Local businesses and Home Depot donated garden materials,



Representative Rose speaks with principals from Gray Elementary and Harry Stone Montessori about their urban garden projects.

the district installed hydrants behind the school and the City of Mesquite provided sixty cubic yards of mulch.

Urban gardens are just that, fresh vegetable gardens planted in unlikely urban environments. District 110 is in the heart of what is referred to as a "food desert" where a substantial number of residents live more than 1 mile from a supermarket or large grocery store that sells healthy food.

Over one hundred and fifty students have become a member of the garden club, gained an understanding on how food is grown and a love for natural science. The students planted: broccoli, carrots, winter squash, lettuce, arugula, onions, okra, watermelon and two peach and pear trees. This garden will promote food security, disease prevention and a healthy diet. Food grown here will be given to members of the community as well as the sick and shut in.

The Texas A&M Agrilife Extension played a vital role in helping the school carry out this garden project and are already hard at work installing a garden at Harry Stone Montessori Academy, just blocks from my Dallas office.

If you're interested in starting your own garden, give my office a call today! We are looking for churches, recreation centers, schools and even back yards for garden placement. Our hope is to disrupt the food desert that impacts the lives of so many across southern Dallas County.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DALLAS SHOOTING

Representative Rose met with mental health advocates, including faith based organizations, law enforcement personnel, community leaders, non-profit organization leaders and members of the judicial system, in order to identify and carry out community solutions as it relates to the Dallas police officer shooting. She has utilized her background as a mental health professional to take a look at how this tragedy is impacting the wellness of our community; specifically the

individuals who were involved in the protest and the police officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our citizens' right to march.

"I am disheartened by the senseless violence against unarmed black men and against police," said Representative Rose. "Only through community diligence and continuing the work after the cameras are gone will we truly be able to create any lasting improvements."

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★ DISTRICT TOWN HALL MEETINGS SCHEDULED ★

Representative Rose will host three town hall meetings to update constituents on state issues, the results of the District 110 Community Survey and the upcoming 85th Legislative Session which will convene in January of 2017. During the town hall meetings constituents will be given an opportunity 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 by calling (214) 371-3300 to ensure enough materials are available.

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

6-7:30 p.m.

Highland Hills Branch Library
6200 Bonnie View Road
Dallas, Texas 75241

Monday, October 17, 2016

6-7:30 p.m.

Eastfield College Pleasant Grove Campus
Community Rooms 108 & 109
802 S. Buckner Blvd.
Dallas, Texas 75217

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

6-7:30 p.m.

Balch Springs Civic Center
12400 Elam Road
Balch Springs, Texas 75180