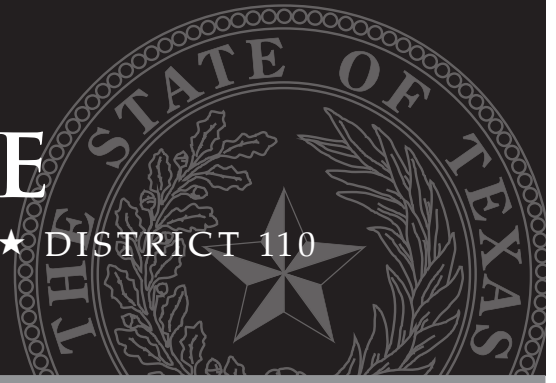




# TONI ROSE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 110



## INTERIM UPDATE

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DISTRICT 110

*Fall 2020*

Dear Constituents,

This past year has truly been unprecedented and one our nation has not experienced in over 100 years. The threat of COVID-19 has forced us to make adjustments to best protect ourselves and our families. Please know that our office is available to provide support with seeking assistance from any state agency.

Your safety is my top priority!

Over the past nine months, we've seen a sharp rise in calls related to unemployment benefits, SNAP benefits, and COVID-19 testing resources. I'm very proud to say that we've been able to secure COVID-19 testing locations within District 110 at Walgreens on S. Buckner Blvd., mobile testing at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Balch Springs Community Center, Good Street Baptist Church, and Paul Quinn College.

Since the pandemic began, our office has worked with non-profits to disseminate information to constituents across the district regarding the best ways to protect yourself and your family during the pandemic. From personal protective equipment to housing assistance programs, our office has petitioned both Governor Abbott and Dr. Hellerstedt, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, for even more resources to serve the constituents of District 110.

In addition, our office has requested increased state production of personal protective equipment (PPE) and for the state to require transparency related to demographic information for those infected and who have passed on COVID-19. It's important for the state to understand how and why COVID-19 disproportionately impacts people of color in Dallas County, across the state, and throughout the nation.

Many of us have lost loved ones during this time to the Coronavirus. My heart and thoughts go out to you. It will take each of us doing our part, maintaining social distancing, proper hygiene, and wearing our masks to beat this virus. Together we will make out stronger than ever!

For a better Texas,

Toni Rose  
State Representative  
District 110



Volunteers and Texas National Reserves at the first Mobile Testing Site in District 110 located at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

## ★ DISTRICT 110 VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS ★

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE TOWN HALL

In response to the George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery killings, Representative Rose and other members of the North Texas Delegation held a virtual Criminal Justice Town Hall to address police brutality, criminal justice, and police reforms. The town hall provided an open platform where members spoke about the legislative process, current criminal justice reform laws in place, and proposed legislation. In addition, constituents were allowed to voice their concerns and provide recommendations for the 87th Legislative Session. This virtual town hall was the beginning of a series of town halls across the state which led to the formation of the George Floyd Act.

**George Floyd Act** – The George Floyd Act will address the injustices that George Floyd experienced at the hands of police officers throughout his life and that black and brown people experience routinely. This comprehensive bill will strive to:

- *Hold officers accountable by allowing state lawsuits for violation of rights without the “qualified immunity” that has shielded officers for so long.*
- *Require officers to do what we expect of peace officers — prevent crimes, even by other officers, and rescue those in peril of death or injury, even at the hands of other officers.*
- *Limit the use of force, especially lethal force, and make it clear that we expect officers to de-escalate, apply the least force necessary, and safeguard bystanders when they must use force.*
- *Address George Floyd’s unjust conviction based solely on an uncorroborated accusation by corrupt officer Gerold Goines.*
- *Address the injustice we see when someone is handled with excessive force over a very minor charge — requiring officers to right-size their response — it will end arrests for fine-only violations, the long-awaited last step in the Sandra Bland reforms.*
- *Finally, this bill will require police departments to hold officers accountable using a disciplinary matrix, making it harder for discipline to be overturned on appeal.*

### BEST SOUTHWEST PARTNERSHIP LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST SERIES

On August 14th, Representative Rose facilitated a panel discussion titled “Coping with COVID-19: Managing Your Mental Health During The Pandemic,” hosted by the Best Southwest Partnership. The panel provided updates, tips, and resources from the Health and Human Services Commission and North Texas Behavioral Health Authority to address the mental health crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel of experts included Deputy Executive Commissioner

Sonja Gaines of Intellectual and Developmental Disability and Behavioral Health Services for Texas Health and Human Services Commission; Doug Denton, Founder and CEO of Homeward Bound, Inc.; and a team from North Texas Behavioral Health Authority which included Carol Lucky, CEO; Dr. Sejal Mehta, Medical Director; Jessica Martinez, Chief Clinical Officer; and Sabrina Conner Director of External Affairs.

### A DISCUSSION ON BLACK TRANSGENDER VIOLENCE

On September 29th, Representative Rose hosted a community conversation with Equality Texas regarding the increase of black transgender violence occurring throughout the nation and in District 110, with the murders of Merci Mack and Muhlaysia Booker. This impactful discussion brought awareness and education regarding the Transgender community as well as solutions to help end violence and discrimination. Housing resources and proposed legislation, such as updating the James Byrd Hate Crime Act and the comprehensive LGBTQ+

nondiscrimination bill, were amongst the potential solutions. Our dynamic panel included State Representative Jessica Gonzalez; Rev. Deneen Robinson, Policy Director of the Afiya Center; Niecee-X, Co-Founder of House of Rebirth; Pocahontas Duvall Crowe, CEO of House of Rebirth and Founder of TransFusion Radio; and Mieko Hicks, Co-host of TransFusion Radio. We also heard from Michelle Rickett and Stephanie Houston, the mothers of Merci Mack and Muhlaysia Booker, respectively.

## ★ AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FALL POLICY SUMMIT ★

The African American Leadership Institute (AALI) held our 5th Annual Fall Policy Summit on September 12th to discuss the impact COVID-19 had on the African American community across North Texas in civic engagement, criminal justice, education, economic development, housing, and healthcare. The Office of State Representative Toni Rose facilitated an open discussion on mental healthcare to address personal wellbeing and issues individuals have been coping with during the pandemic including mental disorders, substance abuse, and domestic violence. The panelists provided participants with personal strategies to cope with stressors and pointed participants to long term service providers. The incredible panel included Dr. Brenda Richardson-Rowe, Director of Harmony Counseling Center at Concord Church; Pastor Stacey Brown, of Elev8 Movement; and Joe Powell, President and CEO of Association of Persons Affected by Addiction.

## ★ DISTRICT 110 COMMUNITY EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS ★

### JUDGE CHARLES ROSE SR. PARK DEVELOPMENT

Plans are underway to develop the new Judge Charles Rose Sr. Park, which will be located near the corner of Simpson Stuart and Bonnie View Road. During the 86th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature allocated \$1 million for a local park grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to honor the life and legacy of Representative Rose's late father, Judge Charles Rose, Sr.

In partnership with the City of Dallas and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, The Trust for Public Land will need your passion, your perspectives, and your vision to ensure that the future of Judge Charles Rose Sr. Park is community driven.

The voice of the community will be used collectively to build a park space that will continue to be enjoyed for years to come and reflective of our values. To do so, Representative Rose invites you to join the movement to create the park that our community needs and deserves.

Over the next several months, there will be a series of virtual community planning sessions to design a fun, accessible, and safe park for all our families. To participate in upcoming virtual meetings, get updates, and learn more information on the park, like, follow, and leave a comment on the "Judge Charles Rose, Sr. Park" Facebook Page.

### COMMUNITY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) DISTRIBUTION

The Community Movement Builders, The Alkaline Hour LLC, Commissary is Very Necessary, and other local community organizations hosted "Heal the Hills! Community Feast and Glove Drive" in Highland Hills to teach residents that healthy vegan food can be both flavorful and fulfilling while expressing community and cultural pride. The Office of State Representative Rose was honored to join one of their community events this summer in offering free face masks to the community and directly to the organizations for their protection as they continue their volunteer efforts.

Faith leadership across all of District 110 truly stepped into the gap, providing food distribution, counseling, and personal protective equipment (PPE) for their parishioners and the general community alike. The District 110 office supported Abundant Grace Church, New Millennium Bible Fellowship, Holy Cross Catholic Church and Tele-Star Baptist Church in these efforts by providing the masks necessary to protect those who protect our community.

Pictured: Constituents receiving mask at the Heal The Hills Community Feast & Glove Drive.



### ★ 2020 Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program Nominee ★

*With a 3.8 GPA and ranked 15th in his class, Mr. Johnny Howard has been selected as this year's nominee for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP) to represent District 110.*



*The State of Texas offers a scholarship opportunity of up to \$10,000 per year to encourage young people to pursue a career in the Texas armed services. Each year, every legislative office may nominate one recipient and one alternate to apply for the grant, which is renewable for four years.*

*Eligible participants must have participated in a JROTC program in high school and have plans of entering an ROTC program at a Texas college or university, in which they must remain in good standing. The scholarship awardee must also join a branch of the military upon college completion. Because of their college experience, scholarship recipients have the opportunity to join the military as an officer.*

*Johnny both lives and attends high school in Texas House District 110. At 18-years-old, Johnny is a well accomplished young man with big aspirations, expecting to graduate from H. Grady Spruce High School in May of 2021. While maintaining a stellar academic record, Mr. Howard also has three years of experience as a shift manager at Williams Chicken.*

*In his spare time, Johnny likes to play video games, watch fantasy and science fiction movies, and play board games like Monopoly, Sorry, and Clue with his aunt. He plans to join the Navy after college to protect his family and the country because of his desire to see the world with his own eyes.*

*Representative Rose congratulates Mr. Johnny Howard for his well-earned nomination. We all expect great things from him in the future.*

★ LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES IN THE INTERIM ★

REDISTRICTING

Representative Rose serves as a member of the House Redistricting Committee which governs matters on the creation of and changes to legislative districts, congressional districts, and any other political districts required by law. Redistricting Committee members also manage the redistricting process.

In preparation for the redistricting process, Representative Rose has attended public informational hearings across the state to hear Texans voice their concerns regarding the formation and alignment of their congressional and legislative districts. Before COVID, public hearings were held in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, and the Rio Grande Valley. Although public hearings were halted due to the pandemic, constituents and stakeholders may still voice their opinions by contacting Representative Rose’s office at (214) 371-3300 or the House Redistricting Committee at 512-463-9948.



State Representative Rose at the Redistricting Committee North Texas Public Hearing.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON AGING

Representative Rose was appointed to serve as Chair of the Texas Legislative Committee on Aging. The committee was created to study and make recommendations addressing issues relating to the aging population of Texas, including: health care, income, transportation, housing, education, and employment needs.

The committee is comprised of two members of the Texas Senate, two members of the Texas House of Representatives, and two public members appointed by the Governor. Representative Rose has served on the Legislative Committee on Aging since her initial appointment in 2016 and serves as the Committee Chair for the current two-year term.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES TRANSITION, OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Representative Rose serves as a member of the Human Services Transition, Oversight Committee, which is a joint legislative committee comprised of four members of the Texas House of Representatives, four members of the Texas Senate, and three public members appointed by the Governor.

The committee was established in the 85th Legislative session by SB 200 to oversee the transition of the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of State Health Services from the Health and Human Services Commission. During the interim, the committee met in August 2019 to receive updates from Health and Human Services and the Department of Family and Protective Services to address procurement issues and gaps in each of the agencies.



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# ★ DISTRICT 110 QUESTIONNAIRE ★

*Your opinions and recommendations are important. We want to hear from you!*

★ BEFORE MAILING THE QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE FOLD AND TAPE IT, WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS ON THE OUTSIDE, AND USE A STAMP. ★

1. What are the top priorities you would like to see addressed in the 87th legislative session? (Rank in order)

\_\_\_ Criminal Justice and Police Reform

\_\_\_ Access to Healthcare

\_\_\_ Public Education

\_\_\_ Business and Economic Development

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What issue is your household most affected by?

\_\_\_ Affordable Housing

\_\_\_ Unemployment

\_\_\_ Quality of Education

\_\_\_ Lack of access to quality Healthcare

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What community resources do you feel are missing from your community?

\_\_\_ Mental Health Clinic

\_\_\_ Medical Clinic

\_\_\_ Job training

\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are any members of your household ineligible for Medicaid, but still cannot afford healthcare from the marketplace?

YES

NO

UNSURE

5. Do you have any legislative recommendation that you would like to be addressed? Please explain.

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6. First and Last Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Comments:

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*Thank you for your feedback!*

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### ★ *Calendar Pick Up* ★

THE 2021 TEXAS SATE CAPITOL CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED! PLEASE CONTACT OUR DALLAS OFFICE IF WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A CALENDAR.



Representative Rose speaking at the grand reopening ceremony of the South Oak Cliff High School to celebrate the completion of a \$52 million renovation project to the school. Representative Rose is an alumnus of South Oak Cliff High School.

### ★ HELPFUL NUMBERS ★

- Texas Workforce Commission..... 800-939-6631
- Health & Humans Services Commission (HHSC)..... 877-541-7905
- Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas..... 214-302-5555
- Women Called Moses (Domestic Violence Support)..... 214-432-3017
- HHSC COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line ..... 833-986-1919
- North Texas Behavioral Health Authority..... 877-653-6363
- Department of Family & Protective Services (DFPS)..... 800-720-7777
- Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) ..... 800-458-9858