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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



**Issue 44**

## NEWSLETTER

**Fall 2019**

Friends,

Fall has been a busy time in House District 137. I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween!

I attended a hearing with the Texas House Committee on Redistricting to learn more about the state and congressional redistricting process.

Many of our neighbors are still recovering from the damage of Tropical Storm Imelda. Learn more information about recovery options here.

Houston will soon become home to a monument to former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

November is National Veterans and Military Families month. We are proud to honor our veterans and current service men and women in House District 137.

Mayor Turner's Complete Communities initiative is coming to Alief. Please join us to learn how you can get involved in your community.

The Alief Community Association will be holding a holiday food drive. Please come by and donate this holiday season!

There are changes coming to Texas driver's licenses, please stay informed to keep your Texas identification current.

It is an honor to serve and represent you in the Texas Legislature. Please reach out to my office at any time.

Sincerely,



Gene with Luci Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, at the groundbreaking of the new LBJ statue in Houston.

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# Texas House Committee Hearings on Redistricting

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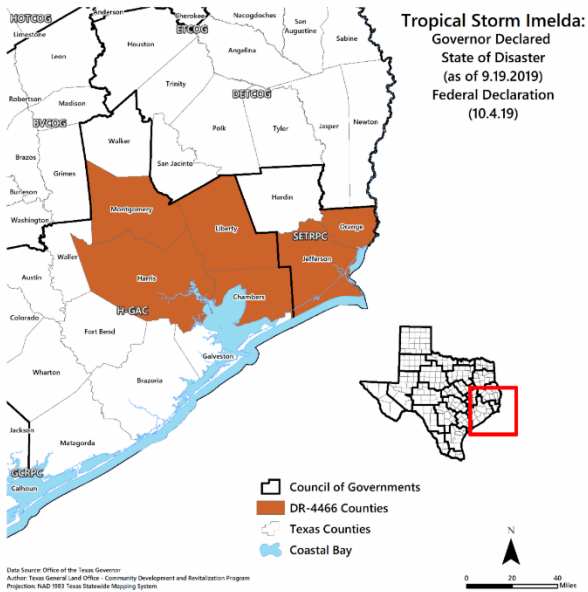


The House Committee on Redistricting recently met at Texas Southern University to inform Houstonians about the redistricting process and hear public testimony.

The Texas House Committee on Redistricting has been holding meetings across the state to inform the public about the importance of the upcoming 2020 census, and how getting an accurate population count will impact the redistricting process that will happen during the 2021 Texas legislative session. They recently met in Houston at Texas Southern University, and I was happy to be able to attend and make sure the committee is aware of the needs in House District 137.

These hearing also served as an opportunity for the committee to hear input from the public. It was great to see such passion and commitment to having a transparent process for my fellow Houstonians, who voiced the need for proper demographic representation, especially in our immigrant and under-represented communities.

# Imelda Recovery Update



On October 4th, The President granted Governor Abbott's request that will provide individual assistance for those in Chambers, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, and Orange counties. If you were affected by Topical Storm Imelda, you may be eligible for assistance.

Apply online or by calling 800-621-3362 (711 or Video Relay Service available) or 800-462-7585 (TTY). For more information on the 6 counties visit: <http://go.usa.gov/xVFDj>

For more helpful information on Tropical Storm Imelda, please visit: <http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4466>

## Lyndon B. Johnson Monument

The groundbreaking for a monument dedicated to former President Lyndon B. Johnson took place on October 17, 2019.

The statue will stand in Little Tranquility Park, near the Revention Music Center downtown, and will be surrounded by a wall featuring important quotes from LBJ during his time as President.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2020.



A model of the future monument to former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

## National Veterans and Military Families Month



Gene with Chinese American Citizens Alliance President Alice Lee honoring Chinese American veterans. Pictured are veterans who served during WWII. HD 137 thanks you for your service!

November is National Veterans and Military Families month.



Since the end of WWI, we have celebrated our veterans in November, starting with Armistice Day. Armistice Day was in honor of the armistice signed by the Allies in WWI that took place on the "11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month". This November 11th marked the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, November 11th, 1919.

Later renamed Veterans Day in 1954, Veterans Day sought to honor all current and former enlisted military personnel for their service. Today, we still celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th, but take the entire month of November to reflect and show our appreciation to our service men and women.


Thank you to all of the service men and women, and their families, in House District 137.

# Complete Communities Alief-Westwood Kickoff

Join Mayor Turner's staff and define what makes your neighborhood a Complete Community. The Complete Communities initiative seeks to engage community members and businesses in densely-populated neighborhoods to identify and form task-forces to address the needs in their area. The initiative also encourages public-private partnerships, and is a great way for businesses to get involved in the communities in which they operate.



## COMPLETE COMMUNITIES ALIEF - WESTWOOD KICK-OFF




**Join Mayor Sylvester Turner's initiative!**  
Help define what makes your neighborhood a Complete Community.

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**  
6:30 - 8:00 pm


**Elsik Ninth Grade Center**  
6767 S. Dairy Ashford Street  
Houston, TX 77072

Food and drinks will be served at 6:00 pm.

Can't make it? Watch on Facebook Live -  
<https://www.facebook.com/HoustonPlanning/>



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Near Northside  
Kashmere Gardens  
Second Ward  
Alief - Westwood  
Gulfton  
Third Ward  
Fort Bend Houston  
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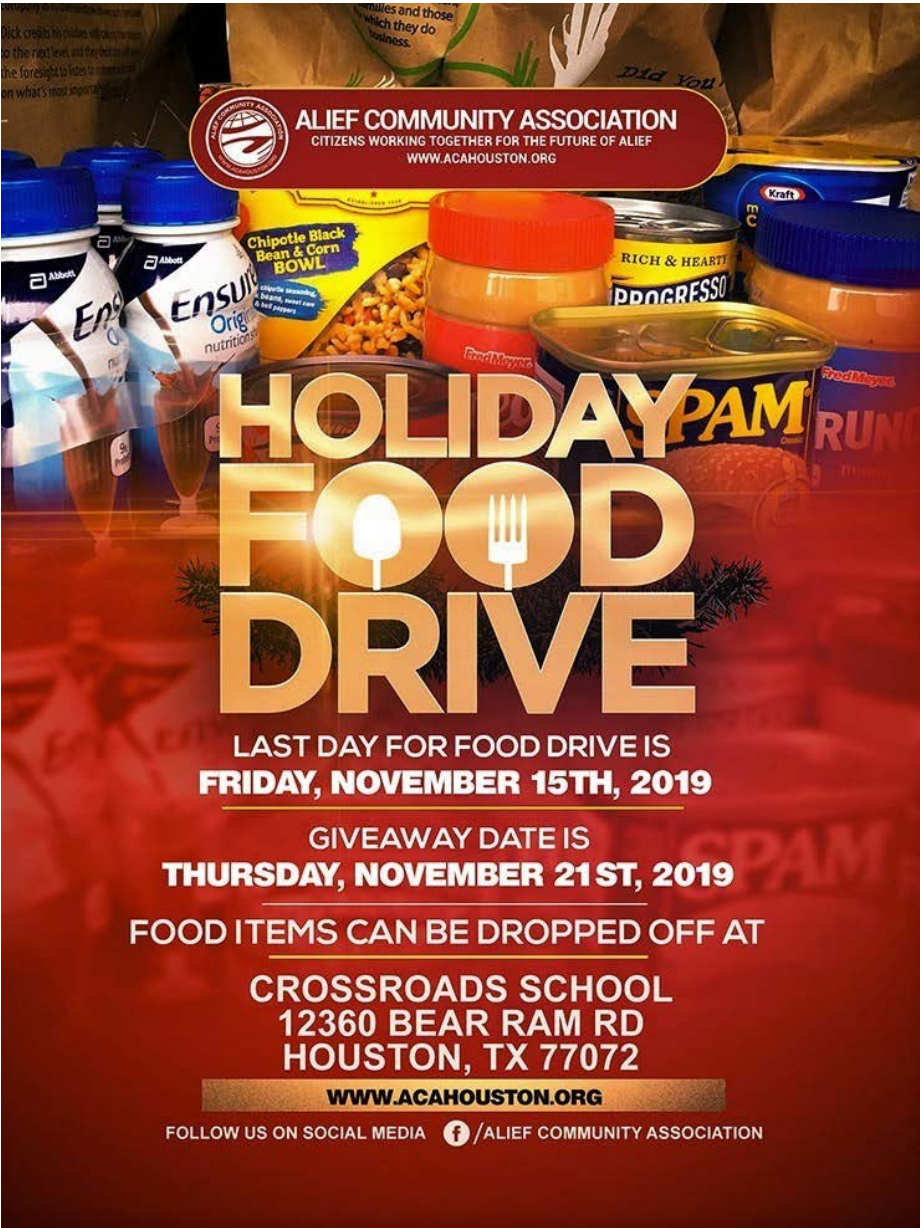
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# Holiday Food Drive

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Alief Community Association is holding a Holiday Food Drive. Food can be dropped off at Crossroads School 12360 Bear Ram Road. the last day for the food drive is November 15th and the giveaway date is November 21st. For more details, visit [www.akahouston.org](http://www.akahouston.org).



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# HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

LAST DAY FOR FOOD DRIVE IS  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2019**

GIVEAWAY DATE IS  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2019**

FOOD ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT  
**CROSSROADS SCHOOL  
12360 BEAR RAM RD  
HOUSTON, TX 77072**

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# Texas REAL ID Information

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REAL ID is a coordinated effort by states and the federal government to fight terrorism, identity theft, and other issues. **Beginning October 1, 2020**, only state-issued driver licenses and identification cards that are fully compliant with the REAL ID Act will be accepted for official federal government purposes, such as entering secure federal buildings or boarding domestic flights. Texas DPS has been reaching out to those customers whose driver license, commercial driver license, or identification card will expire after the October 2020 deadline in order to ensure that they have access to a REAL ID compliant card if they want one. If you are a Texas without a REAL ID, you have several options, based on the current expiration date of your DL or ID.

For more information about REAL ID visit <https://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/federalRealIdAct.htm>

