

State of Texas

★ HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ★

Summer 2020 Legislative Update

Dear District 150 Constituent,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Representative for House District 150!

This has been a very trying year for the country and this great state, but Texans are resilient and are rising to the challenge.

In recent years, the Texas economy has rivaled that of the entire Russian Federation. If Texas were its own nation, it would be the 10th largest economy on the planet! Without a doubt, responsible, hard-working Texans will rebuild this economic might so that everyone can feed their families and pursue the American dream.

In only six months, the Texas Legislature will reconvene in regular session. Offices are working on legislation now to file in January. It is important to communicate your priorities during this time if you would like to see legislation crafted to address them before session begins.

The state budget will certainly be a major topic of debate as revenues were seriously impacted by the effects of coronavirus, and subsequent business closures, and the downturn of the oil industry. The state will be forced to tighten its belt. I will resist any and all efforts to increase taxes. This is the worst possible time for the government to be taking more of people's hard-earned money.

Another major focus of the upcoming session will be redistricting. Every ten years, after the census has been conducted, the Legislature is tasked with drawing new district lines to account for the changes in population in all parts of the state.



As a member serving on the Elections Committee and the Urban Affairs Committee, I am fighting to keep elections fair and secure and to keep the voices of voters represented in the process of approving or stopping low-income housing developments. I look forward to continue working with these committees on these important issues.

All six of my bills passed last session are now in effect, protecting your Second Amendment and property rights, first responder privacy, and the integrity of elections.

It is a pleasure to continue working to protect and expand liberty and economic opportunity for generations of Texans to come!

Sincerely,

Valoree Swanson

★ INTERIM UPDATE ★

TEXAS ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

This year, some House colleagues and I began building a database of examples, identified by Texans, of state government waste, fraud, and abuse of taxpayer funds. These examples will be compiled into a report called *The Texas Wastebook*, named after its federal counterpart. This project will highlight some of the more egregious spending in the state and make recommendations for spending resources elsewhere or to end the funding entirely. If you have an example of government waste, fraud, or abuse, please contact my office.

FIGHTING FOR YOUR RIGHTS AND SAFETY

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic crisis, I have been in constant communication with the Governor, Attorney General, and various state agency heads to address the issues brought by constituents. I wrote formal, open letters asking for executive intervention to allow Texas businesses to safely reopen as soon as possible, to protect the Constitutional rights of Texans to defend themselves, to stop the mass release of inmates from Harris County jails, to find help for parents of the intellectually disabled, and to protect the Alamo Cenotaph and other historical monuments.



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Your opinion is very important to me and will help guide me on important policy decisions. Please cut out this card, fill it out, and mail it back to my Capitol office at: **PO Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768**

Do you agree or disagree with the following propositions?

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| 1. The state should spend less and reduce taxes to boost the economy.
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | 3. The state should do more to protect Second Amendment rights.
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |
| 2. The state should do more to protect unborn babies.
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | 4. The state should do more to combat election fraud.
<input type="checkbox"/> Agree <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree |

