

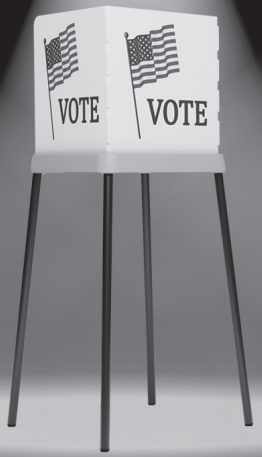
# ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 5

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE  
**MONDAY | OCTOBER 7, 2024**

EARLY VOTING BEGINS  
**MONDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2024**

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT  
**FRIDAY | OCTOBER 25, 2024**

EARLY VOTING ENDS  
**FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 1, 2024**



POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. UNTIL  
 7:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

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## ★ FIRST LEGISLATIVE TERM RECAP ★

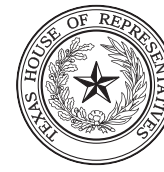


- Named *Freshman Legislator of the Year*
- Youngest Person Serving in the Texas Legislature*
- Only Freshman to Win Fight Against Surprise Medical Billing*
- Named *Woman of Distinction* by one of the Largest Women's Groups in Texas
- Named *Faith and Family Champion*

◀ Representative Caroline Harris Davila with a new constituent, her precious niece, Finley  
 With the 2023 winners of the Cedar Park Christmas Art Contest ▶



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*Dear Friends,*

It is an absolute honor to represent you as your State Representative. I write to share some of the major achievements of the 88th Legislature and my team's work to help constituents. Hard work has resulted in significant improvements for our community and Texas as a whole, and being honored as the Freshman Legislator of the Year.

Growing up in our community has instilled a deep sense of responsibility for nurturing and protecting our home we call Williamson County. One of the blessings of being raised here is now getting to serve lifelong friends and many family members as well. Witnessing our community's substantial growth over the years has only fueled a passion to protect its character and family friendly culture for generations to come.

Together with your support, we passed pivotal legislation that not only safeguards our community, but also benefits all of Texas. We successfully worked to secure our southern border, combated surprise medical billing, made strides in addressing the fentanyl crisis, and enhanced resources for struggling families, single mothers, and young adults. Additionally, we passed the largest property tax relief in history (\$18 billion), bolstered support for small businesses, and expanded essential services such as free medical care, clothing, job training, transportation, and childcare for new mothers.

Understanding your needs and concerns, and resolving those issues is the most fulfilling aspect of serving as your State Representative. Even before being elected, it has been an honor to engage with many of you at schools, businesses, churches, various community events, chambers of commerce and rotary club meetings, as well as city and county events. Responding to the needs you presented ranged from relocating local wastewater plants to installing new traffic lights aimed at preventing fatal car crashes, and simply making sure some of you could timely renew your driver's license.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find more details on our recent accomplishments. Thank you again for your unwavering support and if there is ever anything I can do to serve you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

May God Bless the Great State of Texas and our beloved Williamson County!

*Caroline*

Caroline Harris Davila  
 Texas State Representative  
 House District 52



Representative Caroline Harris Davila & husband, Darrell Davila

## HEALTHCARE

Surprise medical billing has been a problem for too long and I heard too many stories of hospitals refusing to provide an itemized bill to patients so they could verify their charges. One couple from Liberty Hill shared that after they were refused an itemized bill to verify charges, both the husband and wife were sued by the hospital for nearly \$4,500 when only the wife received services. Unfortunately, I learned others in our community were having similar experiences. I got involved, and successfully passed legislation requiring hospitals to provide an itemized bill to patients before they can collect payment. Patients are now finally receiving itemized bills with a plain language description of the services provided, the billing codes, and the prices. There is still much work to be done to eliminate surprise medical billing, but this common sense approach goes a long way to increase transparency in healthcare. In other healthcare news, I voted to increase funding to the Thriving Texas Families program, which now receives \$125 million to support critical services for families, mothers, and newborns. This program delivers incredible assistance by providing free counseling, educational resources, and essential supplies like car seats, cribs, maternity clothes, infant diapers, and formula. The program also offers job training, child care, transportation, and housing.

### 2024-25 GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

Total: \$144.13 billion

General Government	\$9.334 billion (6.5%)
Judiciary	\$ 0.86 billion (0.6%)
Regulatory	\$ 0.44 billion (0.3%)
Business & Economic Development	\$1.293 billion (0.9%)
Natural Resources	\$3.49 billion (2.4%)
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	\$13.365 billion (9.3%)
Legislature	\$ 0.49 billion (0.3%)
Health & Human Services	\$42.862 billion (29.7%)
Education	\$72.01 billion (50%)

Note: Appropriations for the 2024-25 biennium made in Article IX are included in the functional articles shown. Not included are 2024-25 biennium transfers of General Revenue Funds to the Property Tax Relief Fund (Other Funds), totaling \$12.3 billion. Totals may not sum due to rounding. Source: Legislative Budget Board

## BORDER SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY



Talking with Border Patrol at our southern border

Our work during the last legislative session included many critical public safety measures, particularly on border security. I traveled to our southern border to see first-hand what our state troopers and state guard needed to help secure our border. After returning to the Capitol, we increased border security funding and passed legislation that created more border barriers, increased the number of state troopers at the border, and enacted stronger penalties for human traffickers and smugglers. In addition, we increased the penalties for dealing fentanyl, equipped schools to educate students on the dangers of fentanyl, and also gave schools the ability to administer life-saving opioid reversal medication on campus. Our public safety work also included making schools safer by increasing funding for security infrastructure and making sure every school has at least one security officer on campus. Along with our legislative work, we

met with law enforcement and first responders in Williamson County and visited emergency management facilities to learn more about public safety needs in our community. Thank you to all of you who work hard every day to keep us safe.

## EDUCATION

During the 88th Legislature, I voted to give our public school teachers a \$15,000 pay raise. While there was not enough support for the legislation to become law, I will continue to fight to increase public school teacher pay. To highlight a few legislative wins, we increased overall public education funding by \$8.9 billion, provided a more comprehensive curriculum option for teachers to help reduce their workload, and gave retired teachers an unprecedented cost of living adjustment as well as an additional \$7,500 check for those 75 and older. We also passed the Save Women's Sports Act to protect women by banning biological males from participating in women's sports. I made it a priority to visit with many superintendents and school board members, attend teacher advisory meetings, and tour a number of public schools within our community to understand their needs. We were able to help Taylor ISD strengthen their band program and participated in the groundbreaking of several new public schools. Finally, we passed legislation to establish Texas State Technical College in Hutto as a permanent campus, which will help them expand their opportunities to serve our students in Williamson County and fill important and well-paying job vacancies.



Learning about all the wonderful things going on at Liberty Hill High School.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

As Texas continues to grow in population, infrastructure needs such as our power grid and water supply remain at the forefront of our focus at the legislature. Last year, we created the Texas Energy Fund which allocates \$5 billion in low-interest loans for the building of dispatchable natural gas plants, which makes a significant stride towards securing our electric grid. We also created the Texas Water Fund to finance new water projects across the state and update existing infrastructure that will especially benefit our small cities like Granger and Bartlett. We listened to your concerns and were able to prevent a wastewater treatment facility from being built right behind Veterans Hill Elementary School in Hutto. Lastly, serving on the House Committee on Transportation has given our community a strong voice to ensure our roads are taken care of. I've worked with TXDOT on the I-35 expansion, worked to have severely damaged roads along FM 1660 repaired and have traffic lights installed at dangerous intersections in Georgetown, and even helped get potholes fixed. In addition, we organized a town hall meeting with Siena Subdivision constituents and the City of Round Rock Transportation Department to discuss the expansion of Old Settlers Boulevard.

"Even prior to being elected, Representative Caroline Harris Davila has always made it a point to make time to listen to our needs. As an example, in one of our meetings, I expressed in passing some concerns about the City's experience with the process of securing funding for critical infrastructure projects. Rep. Harris Davila quickly coordinated a meeting with other cities with similar concerns. This singular meeting allowed us smaller cities that are often overlooked to have a voice in the conversation and pushed our project forward."

Chad Mees, Mayor of Bartlett, Texas

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Celebrating Community Spirit with Annette Maruska & Leslie Hill

Every day, we receive numerous requests for help from individuals and families facing difficult times, and we are committed to ensuring that each of them get the assistance they need. For example, last fall, a Hutto resident urgently needed unemployment benefits to avoid losing her home. Despite starting a cleaning business, the Texas Workforce Commission classified her as ineligible due to her new "profitable" startup. My office intervened, and within two weeks, the Texas Workforce Commission corrected the issue and provided her with the necessary assistance. In another case, we provided information and support to local business owners in Taylor who received inaccurate property tax assessments. During the last legislative session we were also able to provide more funding for the 2-1-1 system in Texas, which refers callers to local and state health and social service agencies. Not only that, we allocated \$65 million

for Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs across our state, which are designed to strengthen families and support positive youth development.

## BUSINESS

Our community is home to Samsung, the largest semiconductor investment in North America. We recognize that their work is critical to national security because microchips are used in so many vital ways and we need to ensure we are not dependent on our enemies for their production. We also recognize that their presence in our community has already led to a greater business climate in Williamson County, and has had an especially positive impact on our small businesses. During the 88th Legislative Session we not only passed the Texas CHIPS Act to incentivize more partnerships in manufacturing and technology, we also worked hard to remove red tape for many small businesses by getting rid of the requirement to file onerous franchise tax paperwork with the state. The National Federation of Independent Business recognized these efforts and awarded me the highest 100% rating for supporting small businesses.



Round Rock District Office Opening Celebration

## WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU?

In order to serve House District 52, we want to know what is most important to you. Please take a moment to write down any concerns, feedback, or suggestions and mail to **TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Representative Caroline Harris Davila, P.O. BOX 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910** or email me at [district52.harris@house.texas.gov](mailto:district52.harris@house.texas.gov). Thank you!

