## 2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I love serving on your behalf in the Texas House. We have been very busy during this extraordinary time in history.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis this spring, I have been fully engaged on your behalf. Hours were spent on conference calls with White House officials, Governor Abbott, agency heads and local leaders as we navigated the virus, the economy, and unemployment. Our office helped hundreds of you as you faced unemployment, business challenges and personal challenges during these trying days. We have been honored to be of assistance. Finally, as Texas opened up, I have been catching up in person with many of you, as well as getting back to delayed tasks and House Committee work that had been put on the back burner.

As we look toward the 87th Legislative Session, which convenes on January 12, 2021, there is much to be done.

First of all is Redistricting, the most complicated matter that the Legislature handles every decade. It is estimated that since 2010, America's population has grown by 6.3%, while our Texas population has grown by 15.3%. This represents a growth of 3.8 million new Texans in the last decade. In our own House District 89, we have grown from an estimated 172,138 in 2010 to an estimated 2019 population of 197,372. Since the official report from the U.S. Census Bureau will be delayed this year, you still have time to complete your census. You are vital to Texas.

The 87th Legislature will also be facing the repercussions of the Coronavirus impact to our Texas economy. We have constitutionally set spending limits, and it will be the duty of the Legislature to make some difficult decisions as to limiting our spending as a state. Just as we've all had to do around our kitchen tables, it will be the mission of our Legislature to determine the absolute necessities in our spending. We will be looking for expenses that can wait until better times, and identifying costs that need to be cut permanently.

As we plan for January, I would appreciate your input on the issues that are most important to you (see the survey below). We must adjust to our new limitations and financial picture, and keep our focus on legislative priorities that are most essential to the great state of Texas.

Texans throughout history have faced challenges and come out stronger. We will do it again. Thank you for the honor of serving as your State Representative in the Texas House.

Respectfully,

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## **★ HOUSE DISTRICT 89 CONSTITUENT SURVEY ★**

I would be pleased to hear from you. Email me at Candy.Noble@House.Texas.gov. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. I would like to know what issues are most important to you. Please prioritize the importance of the following issues and budget items.

- Constitutional Liberties
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Cut State Spending
- Ease Government Regulations
- Economic Recovery
- Education
- Healthcare and Mental Health

- Human & Drug Trafficking Prevention
- Public Safety
- Religious Freedom
- Sanctity of Life
- Tax Relief
- Transportation
- Other

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## **★** THE HONORARY PAGE PROGRAM **★**

The Texas House of Representatives has a long-held tradition of hosting the Honorary Page Program for young Texans. Each legislative session, I have the privilege of sponsoring students from across District 89 to serve as Honorary Pages.

During their half-day of service, Pages carry out various duties on the floor of the Texas House and throughout the Capitol Building. If you have a student between the age of 8 and 18 interested in serving as an Honorary Page in the upcoming 87th Legislature, please contact my office at 972.423.6542. You may also email me at Candy.Noble@House.Texas.gov.



Candy and Robert with their eight grandchildren.