



NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

REPRESENTATIVE JIM MURPHY

Dear Friends,

The skill and value of the people who assist us in our work as legislators is impressive. Whether we are in session or not, our staff continues to work in our Capitol office. I pride myself in having one of the best staffs at the Capitol. My Chief of Staff, Molly Quirk, Legislative Aide, Scott Stewart, and our hardworking interns have been very busy this interim. As a taxpayer, you pay for them (well, not the interns) so here is your chance to meet the staff you employ.

When you contact our office, our team is ready to assist you and address your concerns. It is important to us that we hear from you. We are familiar with our state agencies and organizations and enjoy finding the answers you need. Our constituents are our priority and we make sure that we take care of you.

During the interim, I spend most of my time working in our District, only coming to Austin for committee hearings, task force meetings, and the like. As a result, our staff has the responsibility to be my eyes and ears when I am not at the Capitol. My Chief of Staff, Molly, organized a Bill Reading Group (BRG) that consists of staff from thirty legislator's offices. They meet monthly to study the major issues affecting our State and to prepare reports for the legislators. They schedule agencies, associations, and focus groups to speak to the BRG about current and emerging issues. This research really comes in handy when we address legislation on these matters.

Community outreach continues to be a focus of mine during the interim. Since returning home in July, our office has coordinated numerous speaking engagements and community forums. Some have been held with students at our local schools, church groups, and business organizations. I believe that accountability starts with accessibility so this time to interact is an important way for me to develop a stronger relationship with the folks I represent. This spring, we'll continue our community wide efforts and have a new program. We are hosting schools in Austin at the Capitol to come see firsthand where lawmakers gather. Our staff has been aiding schools to schedule tours and visits to museums and historical sites as well as having lunch on the Capitol lawn. If you find yourself in Austin during your summer travels, please stop by to say hello.

I am indeed blessed to have a great supporting cast that helps me as a legislator and so many of our neighbors. So the next time you thank a legislator for his or her service (and I hope you do) please know that there are lots of hard working folks that they might never meet who also take pride in doing great work for you and the State of Texas.

We hope that you continue to enjoy reading our newsletters. Please continue to forward this to your neighbors. If you have any questions for us, please don't hesitate to contact me toll free at 855.597.0662.

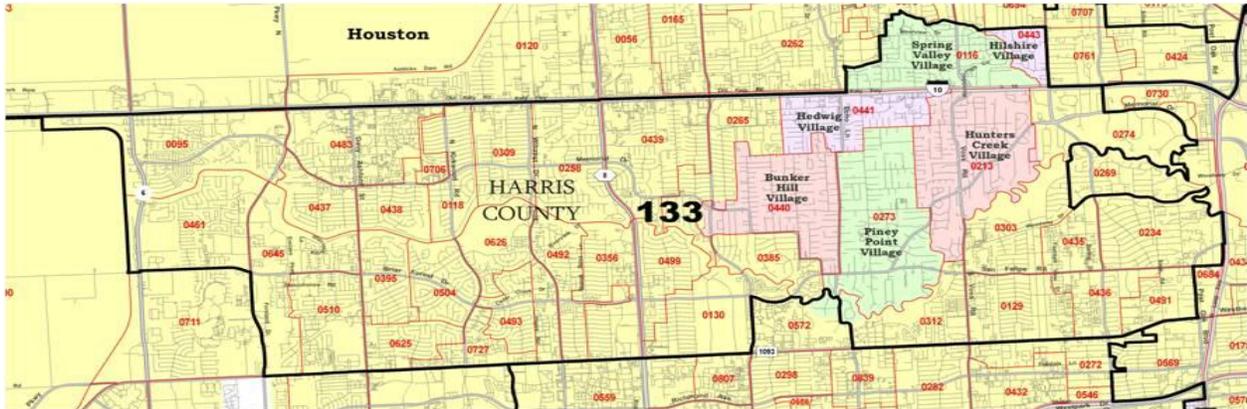
Yours truly,



Meet My Staff!

(L to R) Hailey Thomas, Intern and constituent;
Scott Stewart, Legislative Aide; Molly Quirk, Chief of Staff

NEW HOUSE DISTRICT 133 MAP:



Important Primary Election Dates Coming Up:

- **April 30.....Last Day to Register to Vote**
- **May 14.....Early Voting Begins**
- **May 22.....Last Day Ballots by Mail Accepted**
- **May 25.....Early Voting Ends**
- **May 29.....Primary Election Day**

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