



The Texas Pledge of Allegiance:

"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

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Did you know?

§ Texas is the only state to have the flags of 6 different nations fly over it. They are: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, Confederate States, and the United States.

§ The Alamo is considered the cradle of Texas liberty and the state's most popular historic site.

§ On December 20, 1835 the first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed in Goliad and the first flag of Texas Independence was hoisted.

Capitol Update

Folks, we are already halfway through session! Committees have picked up the pace and will be voting bills out to be heard on the floor within the upcoming weeks.

Last week we presented the following bills:

HB 510 - This bill provides immediate tax relief to small business owners by equalizing their tax rates. Therefore, promoting economic and prospective job growth.

HB 966 -Provides a system for verifying residential addresses in the case of a voter challenge. This will increase voter integrity in our elections as well as reduce costs and time for our voter registrars.

HB 1630 - Provides newly built, qualified data centers with a limited tax exemption. These incentives will promote new jobs and infrastructure, thereby improving the local and state economies.

If you are interested in learning more about our bills, we invite you to log onto our website to track bills, monitor hearings, and watch floor debates at www.house.state.tx.us

This week I was also invited to speak at the TCCRI policy summit featuring Comptroller Susan Combs, State Senator Kelly Hancock, State Representative Cindy Burkett, State Representative Ron Simmons and respected national leaders to discuss the ramifications of local, state, and national debt as well as fiscally responsible solutions. If you would like to view the discussion, please click here.

If you are ever in Austin, please make a trip over to the Capitol. We would love to have you stop by at our office. We enjoy working for you and look forward to being of service.



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More than legislating taking place at Capitol

Our State Capitol is a hotbed of activity during each semiannual session and that is especially true right now. Numerous bills are advancing beyond the committee stage and we will now have daily floor calendars of bills. What's more, in the last three days before the bill filing deadline, some 1,500 additional bills were filed so indeed, "the pattern is full."

On top of all this it is Spring Break and thousands of Texans and tourists from out of state take the time to visit our Capitol. It is hard to find parking, the lines at the gift shop and cafeteria lines are long, and the House gallery is crowded. We legislators are pleased to welcome these visitors and we understand that this beautiful, historic, and busy Capitol belongs to them and it is we who are privileged to be here.

If you are interested in reading more, please click here.

Economic Update

The Houston Business-Cycle index jumped up from a revised growth rate of 5.4 percent in December to 9.5 percent in January. This implies a strong economic improvement in the city. The Houston Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that the Houston housing market is recording its 21st consecutive month of increased home sales. The average price and median price for single-family homes reached their highest levels for February. The median price was up 7.9 percent while the average price increased to 9.6 percent. These strong results indicate a positive outlook for our local and state economy.

Houston Housing Market
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Photos in the Capitol



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