



## Capitol Update

January 22, 2015

Dear Friends,

It's time, the 84th Legislative Session has begun! On January 20th, Texas held its first inauguration in over 14 years. We heard speeches from newly elected Governor Greg Abbott and Lt Governor Dan Patrick. I look forward to working with both, as well as the entire delegation. We know that with hard work we can accomplish great things in the 84th.

Session officially began last week. As the first order of business, the House of Representatives re-elected Joe Straus as their Speaker. The House also debated and approved the rules resolution for the upcoming 84th session.

As we enter into this new session, I want to take the opportunity to remind everyone, that I am here to serve you, and work on legislation for our state. I am focused on creating and helping pass common-sense legislation that is important and beneficial to House District 133 and the entire state of Texas. We invite you to track bills, monitor hearings, and watch floor debates at [www.house.state.tx.us](http://www.house.state.tx.us).

## Introducing the Staff

We have a new staff in the capitol office for the 84th session. There are a lot of new faces, and some familiar ones, too!



*District 133 Newsletter*

*The Texas State Pledge*

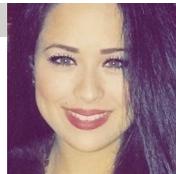
*"Honor the Texas flag;  
I pledge allegiance to  
thee, Texas, one state  
under God, one and  
indivisible."*



### Martha Bell Liner

#### Chief of Staff

Martha, a former legislative staffer for Jim Murphy, starts her fourth session in the House of Representatives. A University of Texas grad, Martha is a former Executive Director of the House Republican Caucus and political strategist for Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter.



### Sarah Aimad

#### Policy Analyst

Sarah is a graduate of the Honors College at the University of Houston where she received a double degree in Economics and Political Science. She previously worked for Team Murphy during the 83rd legislative session, and rejoined our team in December.



### Eiman Siddiqui

#### Legislative Aide

Eiman is a graduate of the University of Houston where he received a B.S. in Economics and Political Science. As a part of the UH Civic Houston Internship Program, he served as the district assistant to 133, and later joined Rep. Murphy's campaign staff.



### Deanna Harrington

#### District Director

Deanna graduated from George Washington University where she majored in English and minored in Political Science. She spent just over a decade working in and around Capitol Hill, including the US Senate. She and her family live in HD133 and is active in our community.

## Texas Inauguration 2015 by the numbers!

17,000 Attendees

6 Musical Acts, including Lady Antebellum and the Josh Abbott Band

25 Parade Floats on Congress avenue

4 tons of beef brisket

2 1/4 tons of potato salad

1 1/4 tons of cole slaw

1 ton of smoked chicken breast

340 gallons of spicy red pinto beans

170 gallons of Eddie Dean's BBQ sauce

17,000 homemade bread rolls

1 quote for the ages:

*"Because as goes Texas, so goes America, and as goes America, so goes the world."*

- Texas Governor Greg Abbott  
Jan 20, 2015



### **Lichelle Armstrong**

#### **Legislative Aide**

Lichelle Armstrong is continuing on as a Legislative Aide for Rep. Murphy during the 84th Session. As a graduate of the University of North Texas, and a former educator, she will use her knowledge and experience to help Rep. Murphy and this office achieve the best for Texas.



### **Katherine Diaz**

#### **Legislative Intern**

Originally from San Antonio, Texas, Katherine is a student at Texas A&M University studying political science and business. Katherine is excited to be working at the Capitol as a legislative assistant serving the constituents of District 133.



### **Benjamin Williams**

#### **Scheduler / Executive Assistant**

A graduate from the University of Texas at Austin, Ben brings a small business and customer service background with him. Ben will focus on office organization, communications, and legislative support for the 84th session.



### **Roel Benavides**

#### **Legislative Intern**

Roel graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in political science, and is working in the capitol office as a Hobby Fellow. Roel has previously worked in the Texas Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

## Need a Speaker?

As always, Representative Murphy loves meeting folks and is happy to visit your church, business meeting, club, or civic group.

*Please email [Deanna Harrington](mailto:Deanna.Harrington@house.state.tx.us), our District Director, if you are interested in setting up an event.*



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