

Texas House of Representatives



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State Representative - District 122

What's new in District 122

We hope you and your family had a memorable Thanksgiving and that you're enjoying the cold weather and holiday season. The Larson family, like most years, had a "Griswold" Thanksgiving and thoroughly enjoyed the time we were able to spend together.

The past month has kept the Larson team quite busy. Early in November, the House Natural Resources Committee met for the first time since the legislative session ended in June. We listened to 9 hours of testimony and discussed what to do about the ongoing drought. We plan to roll out a comprehensive plan in the coming weeks - stay tuned! Also in November, I spoke at meetings of the San Antonio chapter of the Air Conditioning Contractors of America and the San Antonio Nurses in Advanced Practice and was interviewed by [KTSA 550's Jack Riccardi](#) and the 92.5 The Patriot Boiling Point Radio show host Mac McDowell.

"Survey Says"

In September of this year, we mailed a newsletter to residents of District 122. The newsletter included a recap of the 82nd Legislative Session, information about the constitutional amendment election that took place in November, and a nine question survey about various issues facing Texans. We received over 1,000 responses to the survey, and would like to share the results with you. If you didn't receive the newsletter and would like an electronic copy, please email me and we'll send it to you.

The results of the survey are as follows:

With a \$25 billion shortfall, many tough decisions were made to balance the state's budget. Do you approve of the cuts made by the Legislature during the 82nd Session?

Yes: 55% No: 45%

Do you support a crackdown on the Legislature's habit of using funds for items unrelated to their intended purpose?

Yes: 95% No: 5%

Do you support allowing the people of Texas to vote whether to allow video lottery terminals (VLTs) or slot machines in racetracks?

Yes: 60% No: 40%

We are currently facing one of the worst droughts in Texas history. Do you support funding our state water plan, which includes desalination projects, surface water development and conservation efforts?

Yes: 91% No: 9%

If so, which method of funding do you support?

Eliminate the tax exemption on bottled water: 49%

Charge a \$1.50 monthly "tap fee" for both residential and commercial users: 27%

Charge a fee of 14 cents on every 1,000 gallons of water used: 24%

Please rank the following expenditures by our state in terms of importance (1 being most important, 7 being least):

The largest number of respondents ranked the expenditures in the following order:

1. Education (K-12)
2. Border Security
3. Public Safety (law enforcement)
4. Natural Resources (funding our state water plan)
5. Transportation (funding for construction and maintenance of our state highway system)
6. Health and Human Services (nursing homes, mentally handicapped)
7. Education (higher)

Do you support term limits for all state elected officials?

Yes: 83% No: 17%

Do you support a salary cap for all state elected officials?

Yes: 87% No: 13%

Do you support city-county consolidation (merging the governances of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County)?

Yes: 73% No: 27%

We hope you're planning to attend Rep. Larson's holiday open house! If you haven't already, please RSVP today!



You are cordially invited to attend
State Representative Lyle Larson's
Holiday Open House
and Town Hall Meeting
Tuesday, December 13
5:30-7:00 p.m.
14607 San Pedro, Suite 180
San Antonio, Texas 78232

Join us for coffee and desserts while Rep. Larson provides an update on various state issues.

We will also be collecting items, cards, and monetary donations for [Soldiers' Angels](#), an organization dedicated to providing support and comfort to all military men and women. Soldiers' Angels has provided a list of items most requested by our troops who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan- see the list at the bottom of this email. They will include your donations and cards or letters in care packages they send to the folks who are currently deployed.

Please RSVP by December 9 to Keyla Ramos at (210) 402-5402 or keyla.ramos@house.state.tx.us.

We hope to see you December 13th!

SOLDIERS' ANGELS WISH LIST

Beef/Turkey Jerky *	Travel size:
Tuna packets*	Shampoo
Nuts*	Conditioner
Peanut butter*	Lotion
Crackers	Sunscreen*
Trail mix*	Eye drops
Dried fruits*	Toothpaste
Cookies	Toothbrushes
Candy (hard candy and M&Ms. Chocolate melts unless it is an M&M)	Mouthwash
Gum	Bug repellent wipes*
Soup cups*	Hair ties
Powdered drink mix*	Playing cards
Raisins individual size*	Handheld games (travel size games)
Microwavable meals (like Chef Boyardee)*	Board games
Popcorn	Baby wipes*
Chips	Deodorant
Fruit cups (flip top cans preferred)*	

***INDICATES ITEMS MOST NEEDED**



Making it official: filing for reelection for the office of State Representative District 122

As always, please feel free to contact me if I may ever be of assistance to you by phone at (210) 402-5402 or by email at lyle.larson@house.state.tx.us.

Best,

Lyle Larson