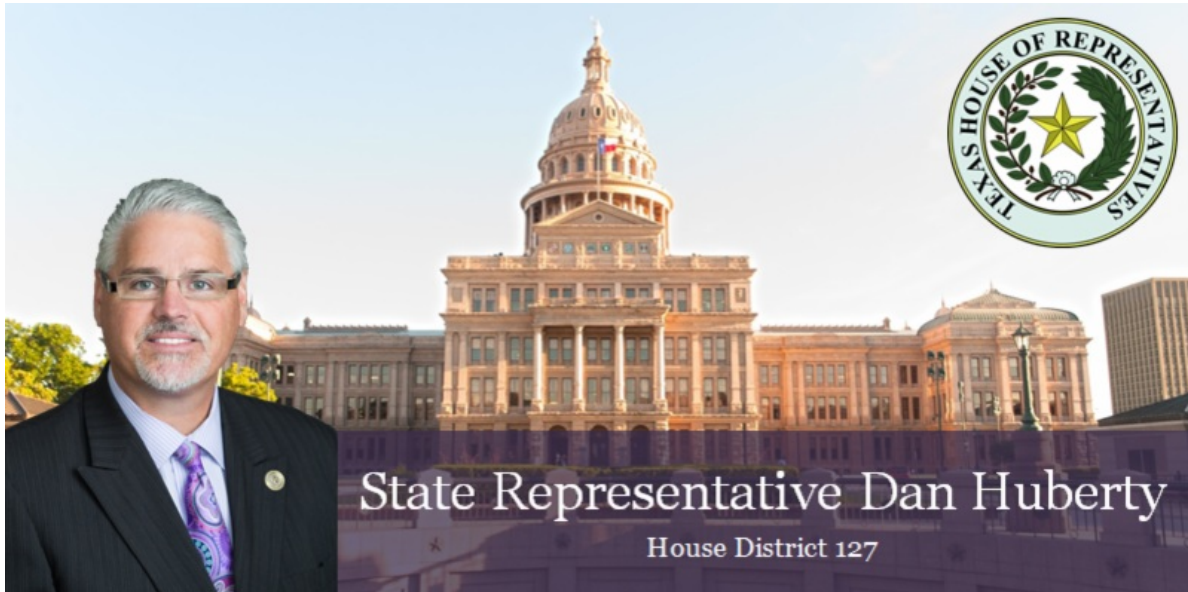


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December 7, 2017

Thank you for subscribing to my newsletter. Please be sure to share the newsletter on Facebook with your friends and family to keep them updated on the most recent information from Austin and House District 127.

This edition of my disaster newsletter series contains many positive updates from across Texas, as well as some of our usual business. In the newsletter that follows, you'll read about how the process for delayed applications for disaster assistance works, an awareness campaign launched by HUD and the State of Texas to aid homeowners, various housing updates, a policy update on Senate Bill 4 (the "Sanctuary Cities" bill), and much more. Be sure to check out the updated calendar that rounds out 2018 with events for you and your family to attend.

For the annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Texas Capitol, my daughter, Brianna, and her friends decorated the ornament that will represent HD 127 on the massive tree in the House Chamber. You can see pictures of the event on [My Facebook Page](#).

While we were in Austin celebrating the Christmas festivities around the Capitol, the House Republican Caucus met to discuss the upcoming election for Speaker of the House in January 2019. I am proud, as an executive member of the Caucus, that the Caucus voted unanimously to adopt a change to our bylaws, where the Caucus will select a candidate from within our Caucus as the next Speaker of the Texas House.

I am pleased to report that the District Office is now open! Now that the office is back online, the district is in need of motivated interns. If you or someone you know is interested, please see the job description below.

Our Capitol office has received an overwhelming caseload since Hurricane Harvey hit our community. I appreciate your continued patience as my office addresses each of your concerns as soon as they can. The rate at which your concerns are addressed should increase now that the district office is back online.

As always, please feel free to contact me or my staff directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dan Huberty

House District 127 News

District Office is Now OPEN and is Urgently Seeking Interns

After several weeks of trying to reestablish internet connection and reliable phone lines, the district office is now open! The District Office is in desperate need of interns to assist with various tasks. The job description is below:

District Internship Position

The District Office of State Representative Dan Huberty is seeking an unpaid intern to assist with office duties starting immediately. This opportunity will offer students or recent graduates a chance to learn about the legislative process and become familiar with the daily activities in a district office during the interim.

This position requires a good work ethic and dedication to the task at hand. Duties may include researching legislation, greeting guests, answering phones, assisting with daily administrative tasks, scheduling and constituent casework. Other duties may also be assigned.

Start date is as soon as able with a negotiable end date. Work hours are from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., but an applicant may choose to work part-time, either half-days or select days of the week.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Casey Christman at casey.christman@house.texas.gov. For questions, please call 281-360-9410.

Deadline: Until filled.

The Texas House of Representatives is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment of the provisions of services. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you require reasonable accommodations during the application process, please call 512.463.0865

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Resources

Survivors With Extenuating Circumstances May Still Apply for Disaster Assistance After the Nov. 30 Registration Deadline

Late applications will be reviewed for possible approval, but applicants will have to submit a letter explaining why they were not able to apply before the deadline. After registering late, a notification will be sent to the applicant:

- After receiving the notification, the applicant must submit a letter to FEMA that includes an explanation for the late application, with supporting documentation.
- Extenuating circumstances may include: hospitalization, death of an immediate family member, or personal or business travel.
- Explanation letters must be submitted (postmarked if sent via mail) within 60 days of the notification letter from FEMA.
- FEMA will review for approval or denial.

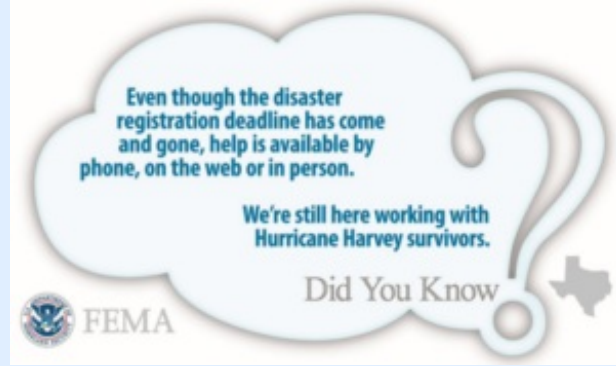
[Click here to find more information from Rebuild Texas.](#)

To apply, use the following resources:

- Online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (voice, 711/VRS- Video Relay Service). (TTY: 800-462-7585). Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).
- Via the FEMA app, available for Apple and Android mobile devices. To download visit:

www.fema.gov/mobile-app.

- Visiting a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). Find the location of nearby DRCs online at www.fema.gov/DRC.



HUD and State of Texas Launch Awareness Campaign To Aid Impacted Homeowners

"Hurricane Harvey affected nearly 50,000 square miles of Texas and damaged or destroyed more than a million homes," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "While we rebuild, many Texas homeowners are facing a second struggle of returning to work and making mortgage payments. To help these Texans, the GLO is proud to team with our disaster recovery partners at HUD to help those who need help avoiding foreclosure or assistance in financing repairs to damaged homes."

[Click here to read more about programs designed to assist disaster victims who need mortgage assistance.](#)

Direct Housing Update



For Your Information

SBOE Long Range Plan for Public Education

Work is under way to create a new Long-Range Plan for Public Education, which is expected to establish goals for Texas public schools through the year 2030.

The State Board of Education (SBOE), which under Texas law is required to adopt a plan, recently appointed the Long-Range Plan for Public Education Steering Committee, based on the advice of The Boston Consulting Group. This [18-member steering committee](#) is made up of state board members, various stakeholder group representatives and representatives from three state agencies.

The steering committee will recommend long-term goals for Texas schools and will identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges of the system.

A Houston area meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2018. Click the link below for more information.

[You can read more about SBOE's Long Range Plan for Public Education on TEA's Website.](#)

SB 4 - Sanctuary Cities Update

Prior to the 85th Legislative Session, several governmental entities in Texas adopted or were considering adopting "sanctuary city" policies that purposefully hindered or prohibited local law enforcement cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs. These policies also prohibited officers from inquiring about a person's immigration status.

The Texas House of Representatives passed legislation in 2017 that prohibits sanctuary cities policies in Texas.

- Senate Bill 4 ensures federal and state immigration laws that are already on the books are followed and requires the laws be enforced by prohibiting local entities from adopting sanctuary cities policies which pose harmful concerns to their citizens.
- The bill enhances public safety by requiring local entities to cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to remove dangerous criminals who are in the state illegally.
- In addition, local law enforcement has the ability to inquire about the immigration status of detained or arrested individuals.
- If officials don't comply with federal authorities, they could face jail time and penalties that exceed \$25,000.



Soon after being signed into law by Governor Abbott, cities, local governments, and immigration rights groups began suing the state arguing Senate Bill 4 would target minorities. A federal court in Austin temporarily stopped enforcement of the bill on August 30th, ruling that it was potentially unconstitutional. Later in September, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals allowed the portion of the bill requiring Texas counties to comply with detention requests from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to go into effect. The 5th Circuit heard arguments on the case on November 7th. It's not clear when the panel will issue a decision. The ruling could potentially be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

2018 Texas Fatherhood Summit

The 3rd Annual Texas Fatherhood Summit is set for next summer, **Friday, June 29, 2018** at the AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center in Austin, Texas. The Summit's theme is Engaging Communities, Strengthening Families, putting a lens on why and how the inclusion of policies and programs that support fathers at the community level strengthens the entire family, as well as the communities in which they live.

The Texas Fatherhood Summit at The University of Texas at Austin brings together hundreds of public and private sector professionals who seek research-based best practices and innovations to best support dad, mom, and their children. The 2018 Summit is especially relevant for policymakers at all levels of government, community leaders, nonprofit organizations, program leaders, and local business professionals.

Constituent Resources

Need Assistance?

Our office is always ready to assist you. Call or email us and we will do our best to help. Many State Agencies also have hotlines or citizen assistance offices to assist you. That contact information is available at this link, in alphabetical order:

<http://www.lrl.texas.gov/genInfo/stateAgencies.cfm>

House District 127 Live Updates

All of the relevant information our office has gathered in regard to response and recovery of Hurricane Harvey is posted immediately to our Facebook page. Be sure to "like" us so that you can have the most up-to-date information.



Upcoming Events

December 2017

See an event you're interested in? Click the links on each date to learn more about the event's details. Under each link, you can find R.S.V.P. information, exact times, locations, and much more.

This color box indicates an event related to Hurricane Harvey.

This color box indicates a general purpose event.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 The Prophet's Birthday	2 8th Annual Snowball Run
3 Candlelight Remembrance	4	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day BizCom - Kingwood	8	9
10	11 Pachyderm Christmas Party with State Rep. Dan Huberty	12 Hanukkah Begins at Sunset House Committee on Energy Resources - Midland, TX Elected Officials Reception	13 LHACC Chamber 101 House Committee on Human Services - Austin, TX	14 BizCom - Summer Creek	15	16
17	18	19	20 Hanukkah Ends at Sunset	21 First Day of Winter	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day <i>Capitol and District Offices Closed thru. January 2nd</i>	Kwanzaa (thru. Jan. 1)				
31 New Year's Eve						

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