



Greetings!

Last week, Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 4 into law. SB 4 ensures federal immigration laws that are already on the books are followed and enforced by prohibiting local entities from adopting sanctuary city policies which threaten public safety.

I am proud to be a co-author on SB 4 and thankful for Governor Abbott's leadership making the ban on sanctuary cities an emergency item of the legislature and signing it into law. In case you missed it, click [here](#) to watch Governor Abbott sign the bill.

Only two weeks are left of the 85th Legislative Session and the House and Senate will adjourn *Sine Die*, meaning "without a day for return." Your continued support and prayers are much appreciated.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House.

Sincerely,

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Rockwall Founders Day Festival

Be sure to stop by the Rockwall Founders Day Festival this weekend for live music with family and friends! And in case you missed it, I passed House Concurrent Resolution 42, which names Rockwall the live music capital of North Texas. HCR 42 will be presented at the festival and I hope you all can be there to enjoy this special moment.

City of Rockwall

FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL

SAT
MAY 20
2017

HARRY MYERS PARK
- 945 E. WASHINGTON -

GROUNDS
OPEN 10:00 AM



PAT GREEN
&
CORY MORROW

ON THE
Southwest KIA Rockwall
STAGE

<p>LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>10:00 - 11:35 AM ASHMORE</p> <p>11:45 AM - 1:00 PM TRIO LOCO</p> <p>1:30 - 3:00 PM SOUTHERN RIDE</p> <p>3:30 - 5:00 PM RYAN BERG & THE VELVET EARS</p> <p>6:00 - 7:30 PM CORY MORROW</p> <p>8:00 PM PAT GREEN</p>	<p>FOOD & RETAIL VENDORS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOOD TRUCKS • FESTIVAL GRUB OF ALL KINDS • RETAIL BOOTHS WITH ARTS, CRAFTS, JEWELRY, CLOTHING, AND MORE! <p>KIDS ZONE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BOUNCE HOUSES • OBSTACLE COURSES • FAMILY ACTIVITIES
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Freedom to Serve Children Act

Last week, the House passed HB 3859, which protects faith-based child welfare service providers from discrimination, or adverse legal actions, for exercising their deeply held religious beliefs in the context of the foster care system. Additionally, the bill enables providers to decline to offer certain services when those services conflict with sincerely held religious beliefs, while also requiring the state to ensure that alternate providers are available to offer any services that a faith-based provider declines to provide due to religious conflicts.

This is a step in the right direction to protect those who strive to serve the children of Texas from being excluded simply for choosing to follow their faith. With this protection in place, Texas can meet the goal of building and sustaining diverse, high-quality foster capacity while respecting the individual needs and cultural backgrounds of all children.

Pro-Life Legislation Passes TX House

Recently, the Texas House passed HB 2962, requiring hospitals, emergency care facilities, and abortion clinics to report quarterly any complication or injury resulting from an abortion as a specific complication of abortion, rather than a general complication of maternal health, which has been the typical practice.

The intent of this legislation is to separate abortion complications from maternal health statistics to provide a more accurate picture of both maternal health and the after effects of abortion in Texas.

Addressing Inappropriate Teacher-Student Relationships

The House unanimously passed SB 7, which expands criminal liability for teacher-student relationships to include educators who target students in other schools or other school districts, and criminalizes the failure to report inappropriate teacher-student relationships.

Additionally, SB 7 revokes a teacher's pension who is convicted of an improper relationship with a student, and includes provisions for parental notification when an

inappropriate teacher-student relationship is alleged.

I use these means to communicate with constituents rather than using state funded options that are available. If you do not wish to receive updates, please use the unsubscribe button below.
