



REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTO R. ALONZO'S capitol report



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Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program

In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature charged the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) with the development and implementation of a statewide homebuyer education program, designed to provide information and counseling to prospective homebuyers about the home buying process. The Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program (TSHEP) was created to fulfill this mandate and to ensure families are receiving high quality homebuyer education from housing counselors in Texas. Housing counselors provide families with essential services such as financial education, credit counseling, foreclosure prevention, and homebuyer education at little or no cost to families. TSHEP is the only statewide education program for housing counselors in Texas and to date close to 600 individuals have been certified as homebuyer education providers through the Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program.

Training and Certification Program: *Moving Forward*

For several years, the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) has worked with TDHCA to raise private funds for TSHEP. As of September 1st, TSAHC's role with the program has expanded. TSAHC will now be administering the Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program on behalf of the state.

To ensure uniform quality of the homebuyer education provided throughout the state TSAHC, with support from funders and sponsors will invest in the education of housing counselors. Twice a year housing counselors will have the opportunity to attend weeklong classes that further their skills and certify participants as homebuyer education providers.

TSAHC will contract with an education provider to teach housing counselors the principles and applications of comprehensive pre- and post-purchase homebuyer education.

Stay tuned for more information about upcoming trainings. In the meantime, for more information regarding the Texas Statewide Homebuyer Education Program please contact Paige Omohundro at (512) 477-3561 or by email at pomohundro@tsahc.org.



PUBLIC SAFETY & RECYCLING FAIR - **Saturday, October 13, 2012; From 9a.m. to 12p.m.**

Join us for this **FREE**, family-friendly event!
At Mountain View College

Over 1,000 community members are expected to attend! Flyers are being distributed to elementary school students at Dallas Independent School District, as well as students at charter and private schools throughout Oak Cliff. There will be prizes and other giveaways; free paper shredding and battery recycling, as well as live music and entertainment.

Mountain View College is located at 4849 W. Illinois Ave. Dallas, TX 75211. The event will be held outside in the Mountain View College Athletic Complex.

