

# Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's

## Capitol Report



### **Rep. Alonzo to Give Input to House Select Committee on Redistricting**

Now that we have successfully completed our 140 days of the 83rd Regular Session, effective Monday, May 27, we are back at the grinding table in the heels of starting the 1st Called Special Session to discuss the all-important issue of redistricting. As soon as the special session got underway, and as a former member of the House Redistricting Committee, coupled with the fact that this is such an important matter that impacts all of us - our districts and our constituencies alike - in one way or another, Rep. Alonzo is prepared and ready to give his input to the House Select Committee on Redistricting as it starts its work on Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, in Austin, taking testimony from the public.

Rep. Alonzo's input, particularly as it would impact the Latino and African-American communities, will share some important alerts and other key pieces of information that he thinks we should be on the lookout for as we start this process. After discussing the matter with some attorneys, minority-friendly groups/organizations, and other key stakeholders, Rep. Alonzo thinks it is important we shed light on the following issues:

1. I believe it is important that we urge the Redistricting Committee and the leadership of the House to enter into negotiations with minority legislators and minority advocacy groups to adopt plans that will best benefit our Latino and African-American communities.
2. I believe it is important that we all understand and recognize the need and importance of a West Texas Latino opportunity district. The Census numbers are there justifying this need.
3. I believe it is important that we understand and recognize the need for and importance of two (2) additional minority House Districts in Dallas County - at least one for the Latino community and one for the African-American community.
4. Finally, we must work to ensure that any redistricting plan enacted by the Legislature works to remedy all the violations found by the District Court in Washington, DC.

### **Come Next Week, Rep. Alonzo to Start Profiling Key Measures Passed by Lawmakers During 83rd Session**

With the 83rd Regular Session now history, having ended on Monday, May 27, as always, it has been an honor indeed to represent the constituents of District 104 in the House of Representatives. As we put behind us yet another 140-day biennial regular session of the legislature, and as I continue my public service for the eighth 2-year term during the 83rd session which ran from Tuesday, January 8 - May 27, 2013, I look back and reminisce about November 1992 when I was first elected to this important body of lawmakers that convene in our State Capitol every odd-numbered year to mandate a series of laws that impact the daily lives of Texans in one way or another. Of course, while not all proposed measures by lawmakers become mandates or translate into changes necessarily for one reason or another, the ultimate goal of most laws, in my estimation, is to improve the quality of life for all Texans. Starting in next week's **Capitol Report**, I will start reporting on some of the highlights of that session.

### **House Select Committee on Redistricting to Take Public Testimony**

**Friday & Saturday,  
May 31 - June 1, 2013 at 9:00 am**

**State Capitol  
Extension Auditorium Room E1.004**

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