

Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's



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Amendments Proposed for Nov. 2015 Ballot: Proposition 1

Since its adoption in 1876, Texas voters have approved 484 amendments to the Texas State Constitution. Seven more proposed amendments will be submitted for voter approval at the general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, the first of which is Proposal 1, related to increasing the homestead property tax exemption.

Proposition 1 was proposed by Senate Joint Resolution, introduced by Sen. Jane Nelson and sponsored in the House by Rep. Dennis Bonnen. This proposition would amend Texas Constitution Art.8, sec I-b(d) to increase the mandatory homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000. The taxable value of homesteads owned by the elderly or by people who are disabled would also be correspondingly reduced. By increasing the homestead exemption, Proposition 1 would provide broad-based, crucial tax relief to Texans and drive economic growth.

Virtually everyone in the state pays property tax in some manner because it is imposed on living space. The proposed increase in homestead exemption would drive down the cost of owning a home, which could lower rents by reducing demand for rental property. Also

" Proposition 1 would particularly benefit low-income individual and provide meaningful relief to homeowners even in the face of rising appraisals. I have high hopes that voters will consider such benefits," stated Rep. Roberto Alonzo.



Sunset High School 90th Anniversary

Sunset High School first opened its doors on September 21, 1925, making it the second high school to open in Oak Cliff. At the time, the student body consisted of only fourteen hundred students, and a staff of a mere 13 teachers. In the past 90 years Sunset High School has certainly come a long way from its beginnings with this year marking the 90th anniversary of its opening.

Sunset High School will celebrate this legendary milestone with an official dedication of a Dallas County historical marker and Texas Registered Landmark designation. The celebratory event will include tours of the school and speeches from students and faculty. From its beginning Sunset High has been proud of the scholastic and athletic excellence achieved by its students and this event provides an opportunity to express that pride, as well as gratitude.

"The morale and spirit of the members of Sunset High School is both unmeasurable and unrivaled. On its 90th birthday it is important that we pay homage to the success and achievements of the student body. Go Bison!"

The celebration will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at Sunset High School Auditorium, 2120 W. Jefferson. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 10:30am and an All-Alumni Mix and Mingle will take place directly following the celebration. If you plan to attend the celebration please RSVP to sunsetbison@gmail.com

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