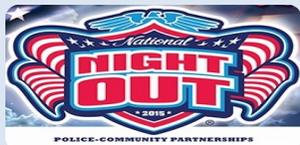


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Capitol Report



National Night Out: Dallas 2015

Residents in Dallas and across Texas will welcome law enforcement officials into their neighborhoods, next Tuesday Oct. 6, 2015 for the annual National Night Out. National Night Out is a cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie. Though traditionally held in summer, many communities in Texas opted for a fall celebration in recent years for cooler temperatures.

The crime prevention event now takes place every first Tuesday of October and includes a series of block parties, rallies, parades, safety fairs and other neighborhood events. Most of the parties begin about 5pm and end no later than 10 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Monica Alonzo will invite neighbors out to her event starting at 6p.m. at the Continental Avenue Bridge, located at 109 Continental Ave. Special guests will include Rep. Roberto R. Alonzo.

"I urge all local citizens to take part in National Night Out. While one-night events like this are certainly not the answer or cure-all for the elimination of crime, drugs, and violence, I firmly believe that these partnership efforts between citizens and law enforcement represent the kind of spirit, energy, and determination that is helping make many of our communities safer places to live," said Rep. Roberto Alonzo.

Each of the seven patrol divisions of the Dallas Police Department participate and coordinate special activities with citizen groups. The goal of the Dallas Police Department is to unite communities and make our neighborhoods a safe and secure place. If you have any questions, please contact the Neighborhood Policing/Nuisance Abatement Unit via email at dpdcrimeprevention@dpd.dallascityhall.com



Nov. 2015 Ballot: Proposition 2

Of the seven proposed amendments to be submitted for voter approval at the general election on Tuesday November 3, 2015, Proposition 2 relates to exemptions on property from taxation for surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans. Proposed by Rep. Dennis Bonnen, Proposition 2 would amend Art. 8 of an amendment approved in 2011 that excludes families of veterans who died after 2011 from the tax exemption. This proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to provide a homestead exemption to the surviving spouse of totally disabled veterans who would have qualified for the exemption if it has been available to them when their spouse died.

According to estimates by the comptroller, Proposition 2 would allow about 3,800 surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans who died before 2010 to claim the exemption, providing a lasting form of appreciation to families who have sacrificed a great deal.

"Proposition 2 will provide valuable tax relief to families of deceased veterans who have already experienced great loss. Veterans and their families are entirely deserving of forms of gratitude for their sacrifices in serving this country, and Proposition 2 aims to settle that debt," stated Rep. Alonzo



Southwest Voter Registration Education Project

The Southwest Voter Registration Education Project was founded in San Antonio TX, in 1974 by William C. Velasquez. Since its founding SVEP has ensured the voting rights of disenfranchised citizens across the Southwest and continues to inspire meaningful political participation.

"The efforts of the SVEP movement have vastly changed the political landscape of the Southwest. It is important now, more than ever, that we strive to mobilize Latino leaders and voters in our society," said Rep. Roberto Alonzo