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Online Newsletter

The Office of State Representative Stephanie Klick  
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★★★ CAPITOL UPDATE ★★★

***Committee Appointments***

Speaker Joe Straus announced committee assignments for the 83rd Legislative Session this past Thursday. I was honored to be appointed to the Human Services Committee, Elections Committee, and the Rules Committee.

***Capitol Visits***

It is always a treat when constituents come by the office. If you are in the Austin area you can find us in the extension on floor 2 in room 716. No appointments are needed, but if you would like to make one please contact Amber Ray at 512-463-0599.

***State of the State Address***

Governor Rick Perry gave the State of the State address last Tuesday and outlined his vision for the state for the next year. In the speech the governor looks to:

- Provide close to \$2 billion in tax relief, improve our water and transportation infrastructure, and give students greater education opportunities.
- Only use dedicated funds for the purpose it was created and to end budget gimmicks.
- Stand firm against expanding Medicaid under Obamacare.

★★★ DISTRICT UPDATE ★★★

As a public servant, one of my top priorities is serving the people of House District 91 and making sure you have access to my office. That's why I would like to introduce you to Amber Ray, my District Director, who will be my lead constituent liaison. Long-term she will be based in HD 91, however, due to the large freshman class, the state will not be able to give us the resources we need to open a district office until later in the year. For the time being, Amber will be stationed in the capitol office handling constituent services and assisting the capitol staff during the legislative session.

★★★ MEET THE STAFF ★★★

***Matthew Dowling - Chief of Staff***

Matthew Dowling was born and raised in southwest Fort Worth until he left to receive his Political Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University. Upon graduation, Matthew moved to Austin to officially begin his career in politics. He landed his first job with the Republican Party of Texas working to Get-Out-The-Vote in their Victory effort. Since then, he has served with a state senator, worked on numerous campaigns, and spent time working for a politically centered online communications firm. For the past two years, he has worked as a political consultant and joined Rep. Klick's office at the start of the New Year. Matt is currently enjoying being surrounded by people from Tarrant County once again.

***Amber Ray - District Director***

Amber Ray was born and raised in Fort Worth. For over two decades she has been honored to serve as District Director for various Republican State Representatives in Tarrant County. During her tenure she has worked with numerous political campaigns in Tarrant County and enjoyed getting to know so many people of the community and all levels of elected officials. Her favorite motto during her tenure is "I love my job because I never have two days alike and I learn something new everyday." She is truly honored to serve as District Director for State Representative Stephanie Klick of House District 91, the very district that she started out in 1986.

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**Lori Lutz - Administrative Assistant**

Lori Lutz is a native Texan and is a current resident of Fort Worth, TX. Lori studied biology at UTSA and at the age of 21, married her high school sweetheart, Col. Chuck Lutz. After more than seven years of active military life, they returned to Texas in 1990, settling in Fort Worth. They have three grown children, and this year will celebrate their 30th anniversary. Homeschooling played a central role in the life of the Lutz family and naturally led to involvement in local politics. Lori has worked at the precinct level, participated in resolutions committees at senatorial district conventions, and was elected a delegate to several state conventions. Most recently, Lori has served as Assistant Administrator for Republican Primary elections since 2005. She is happy to be part of a great team working for Rep. Stephanie Klick.

**Matthew Russell - Intern**

Matt Russell was born in Tyler, Texas, but was raised in Brenham, Texas, home of Blue Bell Ice Cream. He is currently a junior at Texas State University-San Marcos pursuing his bachelors degree in Public Administration. Prior to Matt's internship with Representative Klick, he was involved in state and federal campaigns as well as serving as an internship with his own State Representative during the 82nd legislative session. Matt is looking forward to the 83rd legislative session and is thrilled to be interning with Rep. Stephanie Klick's office.

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