

Delivering for Harris County

This session, I was proud to deliver critical investments and resources for Harris County. We secured funding for 200 new vehicles for the Houston Police Department, ensuring officers have the resources and equipment they need for community policing and to respond quickly to keep our neighborhoods safe.

We also passed legislation creating five new Harris County Civil District Courts—the first new civil district courts added since 1985. These courts will help reduce case backlogs, litigation costs, improve access to justice, and ease the burden on our growing judicial system.

Together, these efforts strengthen public safety, improve government services, and help meet the needs of Harris County's growing population.

Strengthening Critical Water Infrastructure

One of the most important infrastructure projects in the Houston region continues to move forward. Last session, I helped secure more than \$265 million for local infrastructure improvements, including \$100 million to modernize the Coastal Water Authority's Lynchburg Pump Station, which supplies nearly 67% of the region's raw water and serves more than 4 million residents.

Since funding was secured, work has advanced on major upgrades to improve reliability, increase capacity, and strengthen the system for future growth. These improvements include replacing aging equipment, expanding pumping capacity, rehabilitating key transmission pipelines, and constructing a new pipeline to provide critical redundancy.

When completed, these investments will help ensure a safe, reliable water supply for the Houston region for decades to come.

Title and Deed Fraud Protection

I co-sponsored SB 16 to crack down on title and deed fraud by creating new property fraud crimes, requiring photo ID for real property filings, directing clerks to report suspected fraud to law enforcement, and ensuring victims are compensated through restitution.

Looking Ahead

As interim hearings begin and we prepare for the next legislative session, I remain focused on the issues that matter most to families and businesses in West Houston: lowering property taxes, improving student outcomes, strengthening infrastructure, advancing flood mitigation, ensuring reliable and affordable energy, responsibly managing our water resources, expanding access to affordable health care, supporting public safety, and promoting continued economic growth.

Building on the property tax relief passed this session, I'll continue pursuing policies that reduce the burden on homeowners through lower tax rates, greater transparency in the appraisal process, and stronger accountability for local government spending and debt. At the same time, continued investments in transportation, flood control, and resiliency projects will be critical to improving mobility and supporting our region's long-term growth.

As schools implement the historic investments made through House Bill 2, my focus will remain on ensuring those resources lead to stronger student outcomes by supporting teachers, expanding career and technical education opportunities, improving early literacy and numeracy, and maintaining safe, disciplined classrooms.

Texans deserve affordable, high-quality health care. I'll continue supporting policies that increase price transparency, encourage greater competition, and help lower health care costs while expanding access to quality care for Texas families.

Meeting Texas' growing energy demands requires smart, responsible planning for both power and water. I support the responsible development of large energy users, including industry and data centers, but the transmission and other infrastructure cost associated with that growth must be borne by the user, not residential ratepayers.

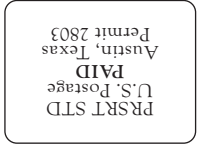
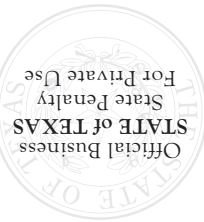
As Texas continues to grow, so does the demand for our most precious natural resource—water. While our region is fortunate to have a reliable and stable water supply, we must continue pursuing practical, long-term solutions that ensure responsible water management and protect this vital resource.

FLAG REQUESTS

Did you know you can request a Texas flag to be flown over the state Capitol in honor or memory of a loved one? Visit **flags.house.texas.gov** to order!



Houston West Chamber of Commerce's annual Salute to Veterans is a very special event. It was such an honor to present the Heart of Service Award to Rob Ritchie, Ben Gutierrez and Jeananne and Payton Lumpkin and a Texas Resolution to the veterans in attendance honoring them for their service to our great country.



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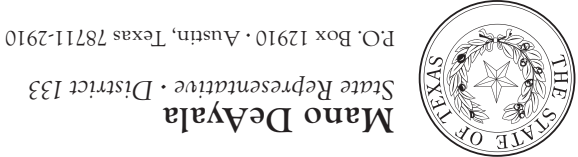
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ELECTION DAY & VOTING INFORMATION

Last Day to Register to Vote	MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
Election Day	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

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DISTRICT 133

Legislative Update

REPRESENTATIVE MANO DEAYALA

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friends and Neighbors,

Representing the people of West Houston (HD 133) in the Texas House is a responsibility I carry with great pride every day. West Houston is home to hardworking families, thriving businesses, outstanding schools, and neighbors who care deeply about the future of our community. Melissa and I have spent our lives here, raised our family here, and are proud to continue calling West Houston home.

Since the conclusion of the 89th Legislative Session, our office has remained engaged both in the district and in Austin. The interim period provides an important opportunity to meet directly with constituents, local leaders, educators, first responders, and business owners to continue addressing the issues that matter most to our community. These conversations help shape the priorities and solutions I will carry into the next legislative session.

This year, Texans saw significant action on issues ranging from property tax relief and public education to public safety, infrastructure, and grid reliability. Equally important is ensuring those policies are implemented effectively and that our region receives the resources necessary to meet the demands of a growing community like West Houston. I continue to champion investments that improve student outcomes, public safety, address infrastructure needs, and protect the quality of life that makes our district such a special place to live.

This interim newsletter includes updates on legislative developments, district projects, community events, and ongoing efforts throughout House District 133. I hope it provides a useful snapshot of the work taking place both locally and at the Capitol.

Hearing directly from constituents remains one of the most valuable parts of this job, and I encourage you to stay connected with our office. Please feel free to contact us anytime at mano.deayala@house.texas.gov, our district office at 713-465-1201, or our Capitol office at 512-463-0514.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. It is a privilege to serve the people of West Houston in the Texas House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Mano DeAyala
State Representative

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PUBLIC EDUCATION

During the 89th Legislative Session, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2, a landmark school finance package representing the largest single investment in public education in Texas history. We voted to pass more than \$8.5 billion in new funding. HB 2 is designed to support educators, strengthen student outcomes, and provide school districts with the resources needed to meet growing financial demands.

A cornerstone of HB 2 is its historic investment in teacher pay. The legislation dedicates \$4.2 billion to permanent salary increases for eligible classroom teachers, with some experienced educators in qualifying districts receiving raises of up to \$8,000 annually. In addition, the bill provides \$500 million for salary increases for non-administrative school staff.

To help districts manage rising expenses such as insurance premiums, utility costs, and retirement contributions, HB 2 creates a new \$1.3 billion Allotment for Basic Costs (ABC).

The legislation also makes significant investments in student achievement and opportunity, including:

- \$850 million to enhance special education services and support students with disabilities.
- \$677 million for early learning initiatives focused on literacy and numeracy.
- \$153 million to expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, preparing students for high-demand, high-wage careers.
- \$430 million for school safety improvements to help create secure learning environments across Texas.

CLASSROOM

This session, the Texas Legislature took significant steps to create stronger learning environments, support educators, protect children, and reinforce parents' ability to guide their children's education and well-being.

To help students focus on what matters most—their education—the Legislature passed HB 1481, creating cellphone-free classrooms across Texas by prohibiting students from using cellphones during the school day. By minimizing distractions from texting, social media, and constant notifications, this law helps create a more focused learning environment where students can stay engaged in the classroom and make the most of their educational opportunities.

We also passed HB 6, the Teacher Bill of Rights, which



Great to host the Rummel Creek Elementary Brownies at our HD 133 district office. They brought good questions and lots of energy. What a great group of young ladies. Glad we could help them check the box on their Democracy for Brownies badge!



provides educators with stronger support and clearer authority to maintain safe, productive, and disciplined learning environments.

To further protect Texas children and families, the Legislature passed several measures, including:

- SB 13, which increases parental oversight of school library materials by prohibiting sexually explicit content and improving transparency in the review and selection process.
- SB 20, which creates a new criminal offense for promoting obscene visual material depicting children, including AI-generated images.
- SB 412, which strengthens legal protections in cases involving explicit content offenses.



It was a joy to welcome St. John Vianney Troop 598 Webelos to the HD133 district office as they completed their "My Community" activity badge.

- SB 835, which prohibits non-disclosure agreements in cases involving the sexual abuse of minors, helping protect victims and hold offenders accountable.

- SB 2420, the App Store Accountability Act, which requires age verification, parental consent, and clear age ratings for app downloads by minors while providing parents with additional protections and legal remedies.

- HB 908, which improves the reporting process for missing children by ensuring faster submission of information to national databases, supporting quicker recovery efforts.

Together, these reforms reflect a strong commitment to student success, parental rights, classroom excellence, and the safety of Texas children both in school and online.

BAIL REFORM

For too long, Texans have watched a broken bail system allow individuals accused of the most serious violent crimes to walk out of jail on low or no bonds — sometimes just hours after their arrest — only to reoffend while awaiting trial. Too many Houston families have suffered preventable tragedies because dangerous individuals were back on the streets when they should have been behind bars. Reforming this system was one of the most urgent priorities of the 89th Legislative Session, and I was proud to help deliver it.

This session, we passed significant bail reform measures, including SJR 5 — which I was proud to joint-sponsor — alongside Senate Bill 9 to close dangerous loopholes, strengthen judicial oversight, and hold the



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justice system more accountable to the communities it is meant to protect.

SJR 5 is a constitutional amendment that gives judges greater authority to deny bail for individuals accused of the most serious violent offenses — including murder, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated robbery, aggravated sexual assault, and human trafficking — when releasing the defendant poses a clear danger to the community or a significant flight risk. For too long, judges lacked the clear legal authority to make that call, even when the facts demanded it. SJR 5 fixes that. Texas voters overwhelmingly supported the amendment, giving judges greater authority to keep dangerous offenders off the streets while awaiting trial.

Senate Bill 9 complements these reforms by tightening pretrial detention procedures, strengthening oversight of charitable bail organizations that have too often posted bond for violent offenders, and creating more consistent standards across the bail system statewide. Together, these measures limit the use of personal bonds for certain repeat and violent offenders and bring greater transparency and accountability to bail decisions across Texas.

These are commonsense reforms that the vast majority of Texans have supported for years. Law enforcement officers, prosecutors, crime victims, and families across our state deserve a justice system that takes public safety seriously. With these new laws in place, Texas has taken a major step toward ensuring that the most dangerous individuals do not commit more heinous crimes - and that our neighborhoods are safer because of it.



Honored to receive the Texas Public Charter Schools Champion Award for the 89th legislative session at Heritage Classical Academy. Proud to have helped launch this incredible school—and even prouder of its students, who are already learning Latin in kindergarten and reciting Robert Louis Stevenson in 1st grade. Wow!

TEXAS GROWTH

More and more businesses, including America's most iconic companies are choosing Texas as the place to grow, invest, and call home — and that momentum continues to build.

On May 27, ExxonMobil shareholders voted to move the company's legal domicile from New Jersey — where it had been incorporated since 1882 — to Texas. ExxonMobil joins a growing list of major corporations — including Oracle, Tesla, SpaceX, and Hewlett Packard Enterprise — that have moved their headquarters to the Lone Star State.

Our state's strong economy, predictable legal environment, skilled workforce, lower taxes and open for business policies make Texas the right choice for companies that want to invest with confidence and plan for the long term. When companies choose Texas, they bring jobs, investment, and opportunity with them — strengthening local communities, supporting small businesses, and creating high-paying careers.

This is the result of decades of sound policy. As your representative, I will continue supporting the policies that keep Texas economically strong, protect our business climate, prioritize a skilled workforce and ensure future generations have every opportunity to thrive right here at home.



Doesn't get much better than SBMSA Tully Bowl Sunday! It was my honor to present the Coach Bill Graham Sportsmanship Award to the JV and Varsity Tackle athletes nominated by their coaches for exhibiting the best qualities of a true teammate.

BUSINESS COURTS UPDATE

This past session, the Legislature continued work on improving Texas' specialized business court system to help ensure complex commercial disputes are handled fairly, efficiently, and with greater consistency.

These courts were created to handle large commercial cases using judges with specialized experience in complex business law. The reforms passed this session expand the types of cases the courts can hear and help streamline the legal process for all civil cases in both business and traditional civil courts.

As these courts continue to become operational, they are already helping create a more efficient legal environment by reducing delays in our District Courts.