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89th Legislative Update

FALL 2025 SPECIAL SESSION &
DISTRICT UPDATE

REPRESENTATIVE SULEMAN LALANI, M.D.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Greetings! Hoping this newsletter finds you well. It is wonderful to be back home in House District 76—among you, working alongside you, and seeing so many of you out in the community. A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

In that issue, we reflected on the 89th Regular Session and the tireless work our office did to ensure your voices were heard in Austin. Through perseverance, collaboration, and your invaluable support, we delivered real results: with the Lalani name as author, co-author, joint author, sponsor, or co-sponsor to 270 bills, and 83 of those were signed into law with zero vetoes!

Since then, two summer special sessions were called. Even though flooding and disaster relief were the urgent issues facing Texans, the first item to reach the floor was mid-decade redistricting. We had to fight to keep the conversation centered on people's needs. This redistricting push was unnecessary and uncalled for, and it has already sparked chaos and legal battles. It reflects national politics taking attention away from Texans' real priorities. While politics grabbed the headlines, a real emergency was unfolding.

This summer brought heartbreak to our state. The Kerr County floods took the lives of too many, including dozens of children. As both a physician and a father, I felt that loss deeply. No parent should ever send their child to camp and fear they may not return home. Through it all, we kept our focus on flood relief, safety, and preparedness. In response, I moved quickly to identify gaps in law, prescribe common-sense solutions, and help pass legislation to strengthen emergency preparedness and safety requirements for youth camps. I am proud that these new laws provide a dignified and practical response, so no family must endure the heartbreak of a preventable loss.

As a physician, I often advocate for expanding access to care and for prevention. The same philosophy guides my approach to public policy. Too often we wait until a crisis strikes before we act. Where we can, we must be proactive, so Texas is better prepared for whatever lies ahead.

In this issue, you will find a recap of the 89th Regular Session and the special sessions, along with highlights from our work across the district. Every decision made in Austin is rooted in service to you, the people of House District 76.

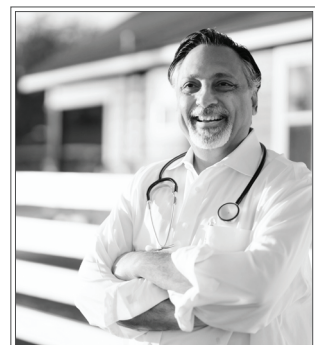
***Remember: this is your government. You are the most important part of the process.
Get involved, stay engaged, and always make your voice heard.***

Thank you for placing your trust in me. Please review the important information in this newsletter, stay involved. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will keep Texas moving forward.

With gratitude and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suleman Lalani".

Suleman Lalani, M.D.
State Representative, House District 76



THE 89TH SPECIAL SESSION RECAP

REDISTRICTING: KEEPING THE FOCUS ON TEXANS

While flooding and disaster relief were the urgent issues at hand, the first priority placed on the house floor was mid-decade redistricting. I opposed this unnecessary and uncalled-for effort, which fails to reflect the real needs of Texans. Throughout it all, we stayed focused on what truly matters to House District 76: flood relief, public safety, and emergency preparedness. We were guided by the voices of our community and remained committed to keeping national politics from overshadowing the day-to-day concerns of everyday Texans.



Rep. Lalani pictured marching against mid-decade redistricting at a rally.

TURNING TRAGEDY INTO ACTION: CAMP SAFETY, FLOOD RELIEF, AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS LEGISLATION

In response to the 27 young lives tragically lost at Camp Mystic on July 4th, we moved quickly to find solutions and work together. The House and Senate came together and overwhelmingly passed legislation to make camps safer across Texas.

HB 1, the Youth CAMPER Act, requires every youth camp to have a written evacuation plan (muster points, headcounts, and EMS/staff/parent communication), designate an emergency-preparedness coordinator, share the plan with parents, and give a safety orientation within 48 hours of each session. Camps must keep radios, an emergency warning system, monitor safety alerts, meet broadband standards, and notify DSHS of layout or activity-site changes. Noncompliance can lead to license denial or suspension. Creates a Youth Camp Safety Multidisciplinary Team at DSHS to propose minimum standards.

SB 1, the Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act, requires rooftop emergency access ladders on cabins in floodplains and keeps updated disaster evacuation plans. Expands required plan scenarios and communications, ensures camps can send and receive emergency alerts, and mandates staff training and camper safety orientation. Prohibits licensing camps with cabins in certain floodplains, requires license renewal after boundary or cabin changes, and creates an online youth-camp registry.

And to better protect Texans in future emergencies, we also advanced a set of critical bills: **HB 2** requires training and licensing for emergency managers and sets up systems for volunteer and fatality management; **HB 3** improves statewide emergency communication by centralizing planning and upgrading local systems; **HB 5** allocates \$324 million for disaster readiness, including FEMA match funds, flood warnings, and forecasting improvements; and **HB 22** expands interoperable communication systems while investing in rural broadband. **SB 3** requires outdoor warning sirens in flood-prone Texas communities, backed by state grants and standards, to better protect residents during flash floods. Together, these measures significantly improve Texas's ability to respond to future disasters.

While we cannot bring back the precious lives lost, we can honor them by making sure no other family endures this pain again. Proud to have been an co-author on these reforms and remain committed to building a safer tomorrow for every child in Texas.

TOWN HALLS THAT PUT PEOPLE FIRST

Throughout the summer, we hosted two town halls grounded in transparency and accountability. At our Legislative Update Town Hall, we reviewed the success of our 89th Regular Session, answered questions on how new laws affect Fort Bend families. At the People's Town Hall on Redistricting, we opened the floor to everyday Texans, and every speaker opposed the mid-decade maps, sharing what they mean for our neighborhoods, our votes, and our future. Thank you to the neighbors, organizations, and advocates who showed up and spoke up; your voices guide our work.



Rep. Lalani hosted the People's Town Hall on redistricting at Mission Bend Library.



Rep. Lalani pictured at his Legislative Update Town Hall at Sugar Land Library.

THE 89TH REGULAR SESSION RECAP

DELIVERING RESULTS FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 76

This past regular session, we turned bold ideas into tangible progress for Fort Bend County and Texas, advancing safety, equity, innovation, and opportunity. Below are some of our bills that were signed into law.

Innovation and Protecting Texans in the Digital Age

HB 783 creates a civil path against online impersonation—allowing damages, fees, and court-ordered takedowns when a name, voice, or likeness is misused. **SB 441** criminalizes non-consensual deep-fake intimate images and holds platforms and payment processors accountable when they fail to remove harmful content. **HB 4751** launches the **Texas Quantum Initiative**. **HB 150** establishes the **Texas Cyber Command**. **HB 149** creates the **Texas Responsible AI Governance Act** to regulate AI systems and safeguard privacy.

Opening Doors to Opportunity

SB 1728 expands **JET**, letting juvenile justice agencies create CTE programs so youth return with skills and purpose. **SB 2055** reforms the **Texas Leadership Scholars Program**, removing barriers that favored select institutions and widening access for high-achieving, low-income students.

Protecting Our Seniors

SB 1283 enhances safety transparency in senior retirement communities and empowers residents to report criminal activity. **HB 3595** requires emergency power, temperature safeguards, and safety plans in assisted-living facilities during crises. **SB 5** creates and funds the **Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas** to coordinate care and research.

Health, Wellness & Crisis Response

SB 1084 aligns mammography reporting with federal standards and requires clear breast-density information so patients and doctors can act promptly and obtain additional screening when needed. **HB 5342** establishes the **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Trust Fund**. **HB 3062** mandates fentanyl and substance-abuse education for all incoming college students. **HB 37 (Everly’s Law)** requires hospitals with maternal care designation to provide bereavement counseling and support devices after fetal or neonatal loss. **SB 25**

sets statewide school nutrition and physical-activity standards and adds nutrition training for healthcare professionals. **SB 31 (Life of the Mother Act)** clarifies medical exceptions to protect doctors and patients in emergencies. **SB 2308** funds FDA-approved clinical trials of ibogaine for opioid use disorder and mental health treatment.

Public Safety

HB 451 strengthens trauma-informed screening to protect children at risk of sexual exploitation. **SB 1316** restricts e-cigarette advertising near schools and churches. **HB 908** improves coordination in missing-child cases by requiring law enforcement to notify the national database within two hours.

Education & Student Success

HB 2 provides \$8.5 billion in new public education funding, including major teacher raises and full-day Pre-K. **HB 27** makes personal financial literacy a graduation requirement starting in 2026. **HB 20** builds a technical education pipeline through the **Applied Sciences Pathway Program**. **SB 365** shortens the college “fresh start” timeline from 10 to 5 years. **HB 824** enhances civics instruction in high school government classes. **HB 1188** ensures families of students with disabilities receive information on services at the first Individualized Education Program meeting.

Infrastructure, Energy & Environment

HB 1584 requires utilities to keep priority restoration lists for hospitals, water plants, and other critical facilities. **HB 5323** creates the **Texas Energy Waste Advisory Committee** to improve grid reliability and reduce waste. **SB 22** launches the **Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Fund** to support film, TV, and digital media production statewide.

Public Wellness

SB 2232 designates October 21 as **Unplug Texas Day**, encouraging families to step away from screens and enjoy the outdoors.

OUT AND ABOUT IN HOUSE DISTRICT 76



Rep. Lalani pictured after being recognized by the Ibñ Sina Foundation alongside Rep. Perez, Chairman Rupani, and other leaders.



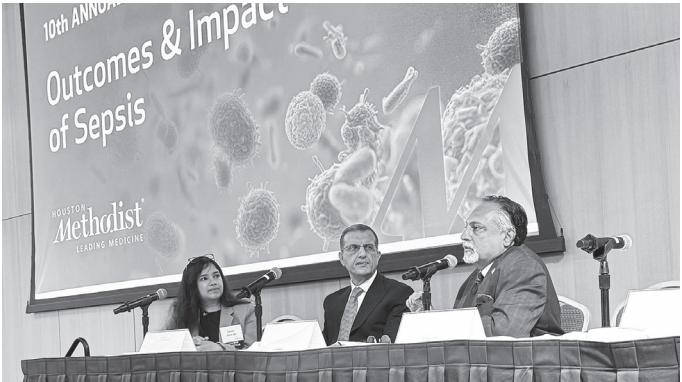
Rep. Lalani pictured with Sugar Land Mayor Carol McCutcheon at second annual Mango Fest.



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Rep. Lalani pictured speaking with seniors at the Community Focused Foundation luncheon about healthy living and wellness.



Rep. Lalani pictured delivering a legislative update at Houston Methodist's 10th Annual Sepsis Symposium.

Second Annual Mango Fest

I had the honor of hosting our second annual Mango Fest, a celebration of community, culture, and hospitality. Over 100 guests came together to honor the king of fruits, joined by neighbors and local leaders. We highlighted the mango's special place in many traditions and how shared food and fellowship bring people together. The evening was a joyful reminder that cultural exchange strengthens the bonds that make Fort Bend such a welcoming home.

Senior Health Luncheon — Community Focused Foundation

I was honored to speak with more than 200 senior members of our community about staying mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually healthy to live a full life. A heartfelt thank-you to the Community Focused Foundation's leadership and volunteers for their selfless service to our seniors.

Shree Pashupatinath Mandir & Multi-Purpose Hall Groundbreaking

I was honored to join the Nepalese Association of Houston for a historic groundbreaking that will create a cultural and recreational hub for our region. Since acquiring the site in 2017, NAH has renovated the temple, added a soccer field and volleyball court, and hosted community events. I recognized NAH's leadership with a Texas House Resolution and encouraged continued community support through volunteering, contributions, and outreach.

Ibn Sina Foundation Special Recognition:

What an honor it was to receive a Special Recognition Award from the Ibn Sina Foundation, which has provided quality, affordable healthcare to underserved communities across the Greater Houston area for over two decades. Their mission of dignity, access, and service resonates deeply with my own—as a physician and as a legislator. It was a joy to celebrate this milestone with Chairman Rupani and the entire Ibn Sina team, whose work continues to uplift and heal thousands of families every year.

Sepsis Symposium Legislative Update — Houston Methodist:

I had the privilege of speaking at the 10th Annual Sepsis Symposium, joining healthcare leaders to provide a legislative update and discuss sepsis epidemiology in Texas, as well as the importance of awareness, education, and early detection. After our panel, Dr. Faisal Masud and his team led an in-depth tour of the state-of-the-art Virtual Intensive Care Unit at the Center for Critical Care. I am grateful to be part of the ongoing work to improve critical care across our state.

SERVING HOUSE DISTRICT 76!

Our office is always available to serve as a liaison between the residents of Texas House District 76 and the state government. If you need assistance from or are experiencing difficulties with a state agency or department, we can help you connect with the various Agencies and Departments of the State of Texas. Our team will do our best to help you receive a fair and timely response to your problem.*

If your case is in need of attention, email District76.Lalani@house.texas.gov with your name, home address, and a detailed description of your issue.

**This office serves as a liaison and cannot guarantee a favorable outcome in your case. Local and Federal Government inquiries will be redirected to your respective elected officials' offices.*

HOUSE DISTRICT 76 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS

Learning by Doing: Civic Engagement in Action

This summer, our House District 76 Internship Program was our largest yet, with more than 50 interns serving in our Austin and district offices! It offered an immersive, hands-on experience that bridged public service and civic learning. Each week, interns stepped outside the office and into the heart of our community. They attended city council and commissioners court meetings, visited civic clubs, and engaged directly with the institutions that shape Fort Bend County. Our Austin-based interns gained exposure to state government by meeting with leaders from agencies like the Office of the Attorney General and Texas Health and Human Services, as well as with advocacy groups, to better understand how policy is created and implemented.

Service Beyond the Office



District interns participate in local park cleanup.



Austin interns prep meals at a local non-profit.

Every Friday was a “day of service.” Whether volunteering at nursing homes, helping with trail maintenance at Cullinan Park, preparing meals for those in need, or lending a hand at community events, our interns gave back to the community in meaningful ways.

These experiences weren’t just about giving back—they were about learning what public service truly means. By stepping into the shoes of everyday Texans, our interns developed empathy, humility, and a deeper understanding of the challenges our neighbors face. They saw firsthand how small acts of kindness—when done with heart—can build stronger, more connected communities. Service is the foundation of leadership, and I believe these moments will stay with them for years to come.

Building Skills and Confidence

Interns also learned the nuts and bolts of civic engagement—from earning their Volunteer Deputy Registrar certifications to learning about elections. In Austin, our interns attended interim and special session hearings on critical issues, participated in legislative briefings on healthcare and school finance. These experiences gave them valuable insight into how laws are made, how policy evolves, and how every voice can play a role in shaping meaningful change.

From Ideas to Legislation

A cornerstone of the program was the Summer Intern Legislative Research Project. Working in pairs, each intern team identified an issue they cared about, thoroughly researched current law and best practices, and developed their own bill proposal.

Graduation Day: Ready for What’s Next

At the end of the program, all interns gathered to present their projects. Each team shared their legislative ideas with me and our office staff, learning how to communicate policy and respond to questions—just like lawmakers do at the Capitol. Afterward, we celebrated their achievements, and each intern was presented with a certificate. I am incredibly proud of this class—their energy, curiosity, and commitment remind me why investing in the next generation matters. I look forward to seeing what these young leaders accomplish in the future—and to keeping in touch with them as they continue their journeys in public service and beyond.



Rep. Lalani and staff pictured with District Office summer interns.



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Want to catch up on previous issues of our Newsletter? Scan the QR code to explore past editions and see how we’ve been working for House District 76—from legislative updates to community highlights.



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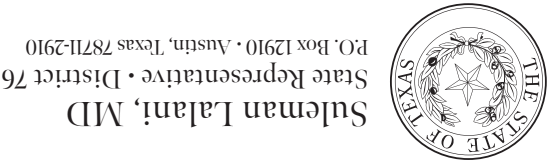
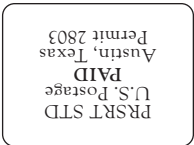
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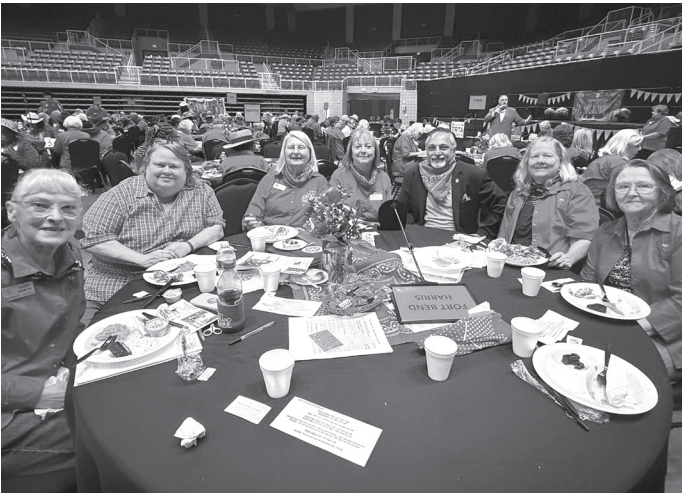
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Rep. Lalani presents a Texas House resolution commemorating the U.S. Army's 250th anniversary at the Army Birthday Ball in Houston.



Rep. Lalani pictured with Texas Retired Teachers Association members at the District 4 Fall Conference, thanking retired educators for a lifetime of service and sharing a legislative update on public education and retirement security.