



## District K Highlights



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District K Residents,

How are you? Your District K Team misses you and we hope you are all safe and healthy in your homes. Although we are apart please know we are still collectively thinking of you and working on your behalf.

This week Judge Lina Hidalgo and Mayor Sylvester Turner along with many other leaders announced the opening of an emergency medical shelter at NRG, in our district. This shelter is available to respond to an overflow from our hospital system and is fully equipped to handle 250 patients if needed. It is our hope that we will not need this additional bed space, but we are fortunate to have it set up just in case.

We have also been told by our federal partners that we should be able to increase the number of test administered at our 4 county and city testing sites this week. Each site can currently test up to 250 people per day and that number will increase to 500 per site per

day. We need more tests to determine how effective our precautions are and when social restrictions can be relaxed or additional policies might need to be implemented. **If you are experiencing symptoms please call 832-393-4220 to start your assessment process for testing from 9 am to 7 pm, Monday-Friday and 9 am to 3 pm on Saturdays.**

The CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings especially where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as the grocery store or pharmacy. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing. I've seen some really nice cloth masks being made. If you have a cloth mask you love, send us a picture, we want to see your style.

Thank you all for complying with the "StayHome-WorkSafe" Order and doing your part to slow the progression of this novel coronavirus. We will continue to reach out to the seniors in the community to make sure their immediate needs are being met. The Houston Food Bank is working with the Power Center to start another food distribution site in our district. Once I get the final dates and times, I will send out another message. If you know of any seniors in the district with needs, please let us know.

I want to send a special "thanks" to our District K HOT Team and both management districts' (Brays Oaks and 5 Corners) maintenance crews for continuing to keep our district clean. We are grateful for the work they do each day to combat illegal dumping and bandit signs in our community.

Stay encouraged, eat well, sleep well, get some exercise and watch out for each other. COVID-19 will not break our community spirit. In spite of it all, we still have so much to be grateful for. This too shall pass!

-Martha

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## It's Budget Workshop Time

Our city budget is one of the most important policy instruments of our local government. Last week I joined my city council colleagues in the first set of budget presentations. We heard from HPD, HFD, Finance, the Mayor's office and the Controller's office. Each budget presentation is aired on HTV and public

comments are welcome. Feel free to submit any budget concerns and questions to our office for consideration and I am happy to share or ask your question during the presentations. The remaining budget presentation schedule is attached. No action is taken during the workshops. There is no doubt that tough decisions lie ahead as we determine how the coronavirus pandemic will affect the city's two largest streams of income, property and sales taxes.



Tues	April 7	10:00a	Police
		11:00a	Fire
Thurs	April 9	1:00p	Finance
		2:00p	Mayor's Office
		3:00p	Controller's Office
Tues	April 14	9:00a	City Council
		10:00a	General Services
		11:00a	Library
Thurs	April 16	1:00p	Planning & Development
		2:00p	Department of Neighborhoods
		3:00p	Parks & Recreation
Thurs	April 23	1:00p	Office of Business Opportunity
		2:00p	Human Resources
Wed	April 29	1:00p	Administration & Regulatory Affairs
		2:00p	Solid Waste
		3:00p	Houston Health
Thurs	April 30	1:00p	Municipal Courts
		2:00p	Housing
		3:00p	Legal
Wed	May 13	1:00p	Special Called BFA Committee Meeting: 5 Year Forecast & Budget Overview
		2:00p	Houston Public Works
		3:00p	Information Technology
Thurs	May 14	1:00p	Fleet
		2:00p	HAS
Wed	May 20	1:00p	Special Called BFA Committee Meeting: Trends Report
Wed	May 27	Deadline for Proposed Operating Budget Amendments	
Wed	June 3	9:00a	Council Meeting - Public Hearing of FY21 Proposed Budget Consideration of FY21 Proposed Budget

# DISTRICT K...MY DISTRICT COUNTS!

Yes to what you need. Yes to building our future.  
Yes to healthcare. Yes to education. Yes to representation.  
Yes to our children and families. Yes to District K.  
Yes to only 9 responses.  
Yes to only 10 minutes.



MARTHA CASTEX-TATUM

## TAKE THE CENSUS FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR OWN HOME!

26,279 District K households are at risk of not being counted. Say no to undercounting in District K.

Respond to the Census online or by phone  
[my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) | 1.844.330.2020 | #YESstotheCensus



## Census 2020 Update

Last week District K led the way with the highest Census 2020 response rate of all city council districts, with 39%. This week, District E is leading with the highest response rate of 44.7% and has the highest district-wide response rate. District K is in a close second place with a 44.2% response rate. Houston as a whole is still trailing Harris County and Texas but we continue to have high hopes for next week. Please copy the District K flyer and send to your networks. Text our customized flyer out to you family members, neighbors and friends. We are making progress but there is still work to do to make sure every resident gets counted. If you have any suggestions or creative outlets, please share.



The graphic features a dark blue background with a white telephone handset icon on the left. In the top left corner is the Houston Health Department logo, which consists of three vertical bars of increasing height next to the text "HOUSTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT". The text "COVID-19 CALL CENTER" is prominently displayed in white, with "CALL CENTER" being larger. Below this, the phone number "832-393-4220" is shown. At the bottom left of the graphic, the operating hours are listed: "M-F: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m." and "Sat: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.". The bottom right corner of the graphic has a decorative orange and red geometric pattern.

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Keeping District K Moving...