



## **Council Member- Elect Dave Martin**

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### **Residents of District E,**

I am writing to you to give an update of what has been occurring over the last 30 days, since you have elected me to serve as your Council Member. I would like to begin by saying thank you for your tremendous support in my race for Houston City Council. I am truly privileged to have the opportunity to represent you as your District E Council Member. My highest priority now and will continue to be constituent service; my office will be dedicated to being responsive to you as residents of District E. Please know that you can count on me to uphold valuable service and representation throughout the City of Houston.

Before getting sworn in on January 2, 2013, I am committed to learning as much about the City and District E as possible. With the help of Council Member Sullivan, I have met with City of Houston Department Directors to gain an in-depth understanding about how each city department operates. I have met with the Director of Finance, Kelly Dowe, Director of Public Works & Engineering, Dan Kruger, City Attorney, Dave Feldman, HFD Assistant Chief Thomas Munoz, and Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events, Susan Christian. I have twelve additional meetings with department directors before the end of the year. I've attended many community meetings and events and have had the opportunity to meet several District E community leaders. I'm looking forward to working with these individuals as we move forward.

In conclusion, I am proud to announce that I have hired Allie Smart as my Chief of Staff. Allie formerly worked at the Texas State Capitol for District 8 State Representative, Byron Cook, serving as Director of Special Projects. Since 2011, Allie has served District E working with Council Member Mike Sullivan as his South Sector Manager, Agenda Director and most recently as Chief of Staff. I would also like to announce that I've asked Lauren Doak to serve District E as Director of Special Projects. Over the last year, Lauren has been working as Marketing Specialist in the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division promoting the State of Texas leisure travel and meetings markets. Prior to her time in Austin, she was a member of the District E team serving as South Sector Manager for Council Member Mike Sullivan. Both Allie and Lauren bring a diverse set of skills and experiences to the office. They are both dedicated individuals that truly care about the District E community. There will be other exciting personnel announcements in the future.

Moving forward, my office will author monthly newsletters to inform you about the many happenings at City Hall, District E and within the City. Please continue to look out for press

releases, news alerts and social media updates. Never hesitate to contact my office to set up a meeting or offer suggestions. As residents of District E, let's work together to better not only our communities, but the entire City of Houston.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you,



**Dave Martin, Council Member-Elect**

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