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Senator Creighton Announces 84th Legislative Staff

AUSTIN -- Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) announced his staff hires for the upcoming 84th Texas Legislative Session, which convenes January 13, 2015.

"As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, I am honored to welcome our new and veteran staff members," Senator Creighton stated. "Each of them bring years of experience, knowledge, and talent to both our capitol and district offices. I look forward to working with each of them to ensure our first session in the Texas Senate is a success for the constituents of District 4 and the people of Texas."

Tara Garcia, Chief of Staff

Tara Garcia received her Bachelors of Science degree from Auburn University in 2007. She joined Senator Creighton's team in 2008 as an aide, where she focused on district relations. After Creighton's re-election to the Texas House of Representatives in 2009, Tara became Legislative Director in the Capitol office. She was promoted to Chief of Staff at the start of the 2011 Legislative session. Prior to joining Creighton's team, Tara was worked on local campaigns in Montgomery County where she was born and raised.

Adrianne Evans, Legislative Director

Adrianne, originally from Houston, graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Government and a minor in Business Foundations. Before joining Senator Creighton's Senate Office, Adrianne worked for State Senator Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville). During that time, she covered issues related to water, natural resources, education, higher education and veteran affairs. Adrianne is excited to bring her eight years of Senate experience and relationships to a freshman Senate office.

Eliza Vielma, Communications Director

Eliza studied Pre-medical Chemistry and Political Science at Texas State University and kicked off her political career as the Director of New Media & Legislative Affairs for Americans for Prosperity-Texas (AFP-TX) for six years. During her tenure at AFP-TX, Eliza co-founded the first-ever national conservative blogger conference and established the organization as a leading voice in the discourse that shaped policy and influenced elections.

Eliza has most recently served as the Digital Director & Deputy Director of Communications for Lt. Governor David Dewhurst's 2014 re-election campaign and capitol office.

Zachary Stephenson, J.D., General Counsel

Zach received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and History at the University of Texas and his Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University. He has worked with numerous legislative offices since 2004, including State Representative Bill Callegari and Senator Joan Huffman. Zach joined Senator Creighton's office in January 2013 as Legislative Director covering the House Insurance Committee, overseeing many different policy areas and guiding legislation. Zach is a licensed attorney with private practice experience in the Houston area.

Chase Frugé, Policy Analyst

Chase graduated from Texas A&M with Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Business and Economics. After graduation Chase spent a year in D.C. working for two conservative members of the Texas Delegation. In the Texas House, Chase served as Legislative Director for a member that represented the Dallas area. He joined the Creighton team as political director for the Senator Creighton's 2014 campaign.

Jennifer Pate, District Director – Beaumont

Jennifer is a native of Beaumont and studied Business at the University of Mississippi. She previously managed the Beaumont District Office for Senator Tommy Williams from 2007 until his resignation in 2013. Her involvement in politics includes serving as President of Golden Triangle Republican Women and Southeast Texas Young Republicans as well as Secretary of Jefferson County Republican Party. She joined Team Creighton as Regional Field Director for the Eastern side of District 4.

Jared Powers, District Director - Montgomery County

Jared, a 15-year resident of Magnolia, is a graduate of the University of Houston and worked through school as a yard supervisor at a steel distribution company within the Port of Houston. Upon graduation, Jared joined the Creighton 2014 campaign team and was brought on as District Director upon election.

Scott Marks, Legislative Intern

Scott is a junior at Sam Houston State University studying Business Administration and Political Science. Originally from Ft. Worth, Scott worked on Senator Creighton's election team in Jefferson County, which included Beaumont, Nederland and Port Arthur.

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SENATOR BRANDON CREIGHTON represents District 4, which encompasses parts of Montgomery, Harris, Chambers, Jefferson and Galveston Counties. He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Open Government, the Senate Committee on State Affairs, and the Joint Interim Committee on Judicial Selection.