



The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator Pete Flores

District 24

Senate District 24 Capitol Update: Property Tax Relief is on its way & District News Updates!

The Texas Legislature adjourned Sine Die on July 13, 2023 following the passage of historic property tax relief - \$18 billion worth! In case you missed it, my full statement on the property tax relief is below.

Together, Senate Bills 2 and 3 and House Joint Resolution 2 will put \$18 billion back into the pocketbooks of Texans. I am proud of my Senate and House colleagues for providing robust reliefs and reforms and taking a multifaceted approach so all Texans are able to feel this historic relief. Increasing the homestead exemption to \$100,000 will give Texans over \$1,000 in savings on their annual tax bill alone. Paired with billions of dollars for rate compression, Texans should see the savings this tax year.

One key component to the legislation is appraisal reform, similar to my SB 750 (88R). With the passage of SB 2 (88(2)), voters will have some input into the members of their appraisal review board. In counties over 75,000 three (3) of the nine (9) board members will be elected by the general public in the general election. Allowing voters to have input on the membership of these boards is a great start to tackling skyrocketing appraisals. Appraisal reform is absolutely necessary for property tax relief to be truly felt by Texans. I look forward to continuing efforts on appraisal reforms and ensuring homeowners have input and fair representation in the appraisal process.

Another priority for the Senate has been supporting our small and mid-size businesses. I was proud to see the Senate stand strong on including franchise tax relief for our small businesses in this final package. Not only will the reforms made save businesses time, but it will remove smaller businesses from the franchise tax entirely. Small business is a key component to the prosperous Texas economy. Ensuring our local shops and restaurants continue to keep their doors open will allow them to continue having a positive impact on their communities and families. These businesses often support local parks, sponsor little league teams, and provide countless services for Texas.

Upcoming District Events:

Now that the Senate is adjourned, I am eager to get back into the district to visit with folks and share the work that the 88th Legislature accomplished. Be on the lookout in the Fall for town-hall information, those will be great opportunities for me to hear directly from you on the issues you are most passionate about.

Future events will be included here as they approach!

Scholarship Opportunity for SD-24 incoming Freshman college students:

Each year, I am humbled to offer one (1) nomination for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program (TASSP). The recipient of this scholarship must enlist in the United States Military and serve a minimum (4) years and maintain a strong GPA while in college. I will be choosing my nomination on Tuesday August 1, 2023. If you would like to be considered, and have not yet submitted documentation, please email an updated resume and cover letter to Cassidy.riza@senate.texas.gov. For full information about scholarship eligibility, you can visit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board website [here](#) for details.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact my office if we can ever be of service to you and your family. Whether it be needing help with a state agency, or making your thoughts on a bill heard, please contact your office either by phone at (512) 463-0124 or by email to pete.flores@senate.texas.gov or via my state website.