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June 17th Program:

GUESTS: Our Texas State Senator and State Representatives

Our State Senator José Menendez will be attending to give an update on the past legislative session and what's in store for the special session in July. All of our State Representatives have been invited (Rep. Ina Minjarez has confirmed) to share what happened in the past session and what they expect in the July special session. Please join us for this important meeting at 8:30 am, Luby's at Huebner and Floyd Curl.

JUNE SPECIAL PROJECT:

Warrior and Family Support Center

The WFS Center provides for warriors who have incurred service-connected injuries or illnesses on or after September 11, 2001. The center also provides support for these families who suddenly find they are serving as full-time supporters or care-givers. The items needed include: diapers, gift cards, small bags of chips, small boxes of cereal, fresh fruit, baked goods (cookies, cupcakes). Gene will be taking our contributions to the center and would enjoy showing you the facilities. Contact Gene Marck, 210-273-9201, if you have any questions.

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A Few JOYCE Words—Gone to Alabama

Once again, the most recent legislative session and soon to be special session re-emphasize the point that while watching what Congress and the President are doing, it's your state and local government that can have a greater impact on your life. While the President and Congress are busy doing nothing, most people don't seem to be paying attention to an active Republican Governor and active Republican Legislature enacting policy after detrimental policy.

Where is the same level of outrage we're giving the President and Congress when it comes to Austin? Sure you get the Capitol flooded with people on those days when controversial bills get heard, but where is that level of outrage on a constant basis? There's a reason why Republicans never give 2 shakes about passing controversial legislation. They only have to deal with the heat on the day the bill gets heard in committee or when it's on the floor. After that they go back to their district, win their primary and general election because people have forgotten what they did in the Legislative session.

We've seen Republicans in Congress avoid town halls like the plague. Imagine if the Republicans in Austin had to deal with having to answer for their votes during the Legislative Session at their home office.

Currently, in the State Senate there are 20 Republicans and 11 Democrats. Of course with Sen. Eddie Lucio mostly voting with the Republicans, it's more like 21-10. Keep this number in mind: 19. That's how many votes it takes to suspend the rules in the State Senate in order to bring a bill up on the floor.

Did you know that in 2018 there are 3 Republican state senators up for re-election who either sit in a district Clinton won or a district Clinton lost by less than 1 percent? If Democrats can turn those 3 seats, it suddenly becomes 17 Republicans and 14 Democrats in the State Senate. Suddenly it's a whole new ballgame in the State Senate and Democrats can stop bad legislation and get better legislation passed. Moving over to the State House, the currently situation is 95 Republicans and 55 Democrats. There are 9 Republicans who sit in Clinton seats. Win those 9 seats and the numbers become 86-64. Another 4 Republicans sit in districts Trump won by less than 4 percentage points. Add those 4 to the win column and we're talking 82-68.

Why bring any of this up? Ask yourself this, if the numbers in the Legislature were 17 R – 14 D in the Senate and 82 R – 68 D in the State House, would the Legislature have been focusing so much time on SB4--Sanctuary Cities bill or SB6—Bathroom bill? Those bills would have been DOA and the Legislature would have moved on to other actual business.

And if those were the numbers, do you think Greg Abbott would have added the litany of conservative items to the Special Session agenda?



PAT MALONEY, SR. PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD DINNER

August 10, 2017

Omni 6 pm—9 pm

Sponsorship Levels:

FDR	\$2,500
HST	\$1,500
JFK	\$1,000
LBJ	\$ 600

Ticket Prices:

Jimmy Carter	\$ 75 (\$60 ticket + donation)
Bill Clinton	\$120 (2 tickets)
Barack Obama	\$ 60 (1 ticket)

Keynote Speakers:

Hon. Joaquin Castro and Hon. Julián Castro

Guests of Honor:

Joyce Dorrycott, Felicia Morales, Darby Riley
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IMPORTANT DATES

June 10	Runoff Election Day
June 17	Northwest Democrats Meeting
June 18	Father's Day
July 4	Independence Day
July 15	Northwest Democrats Meeting
August 10	Pat Maloney, Sr. Dinner