

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

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Special Edition Call to Action

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015, Texas HB40 is coming to the floor for a vote. This bill is designed to remove local control and be taken over by the state. The bill gives the state the power to remove ordinances like the citizen approved fracking ban in Denton. The bill will allow the state to remove the Dallas approved 1500 foot setback rule for fracking wells. The bill gives the state authority to wipe out existing environmental regulations like plastic bag bans.

Local communities will be at the mercy of the Oil and Gas Companies, the Railroad Commission, and the Texas government.

Read the information and pick up the phone or email the representatives and voice your objection to this egregious bill.

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HB40 BRINGS BACK FRACKING TO OUR BACK YARDS

URGENT: Each of Us Must Act

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015 the Texas House will vote on HB40. This bill will take away home city control and move it to Austin. Contrary to the Tea Party cry for less government and independence, this bill will take away local control and put all the control in the state of Texas authority.

To paraphrase Dallas City Council member Philip Kingston: When Dallas decides what to restrict for the health and well-being of its citizens, Dallas does a good job. When the State decides, we get a "West," fiasco. This bill affects more than the anti-fracking aims.

Rita Beving, well known Dallas activist explains the bill's atrocities:

"HB40 is the worst bill of the legislative session; a bill that could literally bring drilling to your backyard, frack traffic on your streets, and harmful emissions near your schools. HB40 is up for a house floor vote on Tuesday.

HB 40 by Rep. Darby will not only kill the Denton ban, but threatens the ordinances that many of you helped fight for in Southlake, Lewisville, Flower Mound, Irving, Dallas, Garland, Richardson, Denton, Mansfield, Arlington, Ft. Worth and elsewhere. Even ordinance updates are at risk.

The substitute bill still erodes local control "protections" for cities with ordinances- whether they are 5-years or older — or in their first year. Portions of the bill could threaten, diminish, or pre-empt a cities/counties ability to protect the health, safety and property of Texans.

1. Cities may be precluded to require oil/gas operations be conducted at a safe distance from schools, homes, hospitals, etc.
2. Surface ordinances like zoning, noise, traffic would have to pass "tests" favorable to industry or result in lengthy, expensive court battles.
3. Cities may have no say over pipeline locations
4. Cities may lose ability to require emergency subsurface shutoff valves to control shutoff during a catastrophic event
5. Cities/counties may lose control over subsurface activities like road borings for pipelines under county roads/city streets - or regulate traffic
6. Cities may lose ability to identify abandoned wells/pits for cities to track for future development and construction
7. Cities may lose the ability to require financial insurance or security to compensate damage to subsurface property, utilities - or for harm by an incident

Are you going to stand by and let this happen? Or are you willing to help us fight for your rights to protect your children, your health, and your property values.

Here's what each of us can do to stop this destructive bill which destroys local control.

1. Call or email the Representatives listed on the following page. Emails and phone messages are recorded and counted.
2. Travel to Austin:
Monday, April 13th at the South Gate of the Capitol at 11th and Congress.
A vigil begins at 4:00 P.M. and will go into the night. For more information, email robin@texasenvironment.org.
3. Be in the Gallery on April 14th to witness this travesty.

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Here are the Names and addresses of the representatives:

1. Roberto Alonzo HD104-D 512.463.0408 or roberto.alonzo@house.state.tx.us
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18. Ramon Romero HD90-D 512.463.0740 or ramon.romero@house.state.tx.us
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20. Matt Shaheen HD66-R 512.463.0594 or matt.shaheen@house.state.tx.us
21. Kenneth Sheets HD107-R 512.463.0244 or kenneth.sheets@house.state.tx.us
22. Ron Simmons HD65-R 512.463.0478 or ron.simmons@house.state.tx.us
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26. Scott Turner HD33-R 512.463.0484 or scott.turner@house.state.tx.us
27. Jason Villalba HD114-R 512.463.0576 or jason.villalba@house.state.tx.us
28. Bill Zedler HD96 -R 512.463.0374 or bill.zedler@house.state.tx.us

Sample Script:

Hello,

I am _____(Name)_____ I live in _____(town)_____.

I am calling to state my opposition to House Bill 40. This bill is designed to take over local control, destroying local ordinances and regulations. Please vote NO!

I am opposed to HB40. Vote NO!

I am a registered voter and I vote in every election.

Thank you.

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HB40 BRINGS BACK FRACKING TO SCHOOL AND BACKYARDS

Where the Wells will go?

Precinct 2701 Rep Angie Chen Button HD112- R lives in this precinct.

If HB40 becomes law, all local control over fracking will be in the hands the State of Texas. Below is a map of the land area of Precinct 2701 and the northern part of 2700. This area is known as Spring Park. Available open areas where drilling rigs can be placed are circled in red. The local school, Big Springs Elementary, an award winning RISD school is located in 2701. There are several available areas in this precinct, including a small lake and creek where fracking wells will be placed.



Think this can't happen here? This is a photo was taken of a school taken near Breckenridge, TX.

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