



## Texas House Member

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#### Counties Represented:

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## Biography

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Rep. Rodriguez was first elected to the State Legislature in 2002. He was re-elected in November 2018 to his eight term as the Representative for District 51, serving Central, East and Southeast Austin, and Southeast Travis County. He is the Dean, or senior member, of the Travis County delegation.

Rep. Rodriguez serves on the House Committees on Calendars, State Affairs and Ways & Means in the 86th Legislative Session. He is co-founder and Chair of the Texas House Farm-to-Table Caucus, Policy Chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus and an active member of the House Women's Caucus, the House Democratic Caucus and the Legislative Study Group.

Rep. Rodriguez was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, where he graduated from McAllen Memorial High School. He was the first of his family to attend college. He studied Government at The University of Texas at Austin, and earned his law degree in 2008 from The University of Texas School of Law. Prior to his election, he served as chief of staff to Rep. Glen Maxey and as Executive Director of the Travis County Democratic Party.

As representative of a district uniquely threatened by involuntary displacement, affordability is Rep. Rodriguez's foremost legislative priority. He has also worked extensively on issues related to economic development & job creation, public education, voting rights, nutrition & hunger, gun safety, protecting the environment and ensuring that all Texans have access to quality, affordable healthcare. Some of his proudest legislative accomplishments include giving Texas cities the ability to create "Homestead Preservation Districts" (an affordable housing tool), expanding the National School Breakfast Program to feed an additional 700,000 hungry Texas children and removing the cap on the number of dual credit courses that high school students can take to help them be better prepared for college and the workforce.

Rep. Rodriguez was chosen to be MALC's first-ever Policy Chair in the 85th Legislative Session after serving three terms as Vice Chair. In this capacity, he played a key role in MALC's fight against SB 4, represented the caucus when the Texas redistricting cases came before the Supreme Court of the United States in April 2018, and was an outspoken advocate for migrant children and their families in the 2018 family separation crisis. Currently, he leads the policy committee formed to investigate the recent "purging" of Texas voter rolls and serves as a watchdog on voter suppression by the state government.

In his role as founding Chair of the Farm-to-Table Caucus, Rep. Rodriguez has passed legislation including the Texas Cottage

Food Law, Texas Farmers Market Bill and DSHS Better Communications Bill to support small farmers, ranchers, and other food producers while increasing access to healthy, local food for all Texans.

Rep. Rodriguez is deeply involved with the community as an advisor to local nonprofits and as a mentor to young professionals who aspire to run for elected office. He has served on the boards of the Alliance for Public Transportation, Austin Habitat for Humanity, Austin Pets Alive!, Capital Area Council of Governments, Economic Growth Business Incubator, Anti-Defamation League-Austin Chapter, Urban Roots, and City of Austin's Working Group on Sustainable Development.

Rep. Rodriguez works as Vice-President for Commercial Business Development at Capstone Title in Austin, where his firm assures title for residential and commercial properties. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife Christine, son Jack and daughter Sophie. He is an avid runner and foodie and can often be seen on the trail or at local farm-to-table restaurants.

## Media

### Member Press Releases

#### March

03/06/2015

[Rep. Rodriguez Files Beverage Container Recycling Legislation](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### November

11/21/2014

[State Representative Eddie Rodriguez Applauds President's Executive Action on Immigration; Urges Congress to Act](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

11/07/2013

[Rep. Rodriguez and Workman Announce Press Conference on Flood Relief Fund and Town Halls](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### October

10/02/2013

[REP. RODRIGUEZ ANNOUNCES HOUSE DISTRICT 51 MOBILE ELECTION ID STATIONS](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### May

05/23/2013

[AUSTIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING BILL PASSES SENATE](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

05/09/2013

[School Breakfast Bill Passes Both Chambers](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### April

04/26/2013

[ICYMI: NEW YORK TIMES / TEXAS TRIBUNE STORY HIGHLIGHTS](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

04/06/2013

[QUI AT THE CAPITOL DAY](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### March

03/28/2013

[REP. EDDIE RODRIGUEZ'S HB 3348 AND HJR 138 GAIN SUPPORT](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

03/12/2013

[LAWMAKERS TEAM UP TO EXPOSE UNDERBELLY OF PAYDAY LOANSHARKS](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### February

02/19/2013

[TEXAS HOUSE FARM-TO-TABLE CAUCUS MEMBERS FILE FIRST BILL PACKAGE](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

#### January

**01/31/2013**

**REP. EDDIE RODRIGUEZ APPOINTED TO INFLUENTIAL HOUSE COMMITTEES FOR THE 83rd SESSION**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## December

**12/21/2012**

**REP. EDDIE RODRIGUEZ FILES LEGISLATION FOR UPCOMING 83RD SESSION**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## April

**04/03/2007**

**Rep. Rodriguez puts kids first --- Votes to Expand Children's Health Insurance Program**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## March

**03/30/2007**

**Rep. Eddie Rodriguez statement on budget**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**03/05/2007**

**Rep. Eddie Rodriguez votes against HB 8**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## February

**02/26/2007**

**Legislators File Bill Designed to Empower Children of the Foster Care System**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**02/20/2007**

**Rep. Rodriguez votes against " putting the cart before the horse "**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**02/19/2007**

**Rodriguez votes to deliver property tax cuts to the elderly and increase in homestead tax exemption**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**02/06/2007**

**Rep. Rodriguez files resolution protecting children at T. Don Hutto Immigrant Detention Facility**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## January

**01/29/2007**

**Rep. Eddie Rodriguez Assigned to House Committee on Pensions and Investments**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**01/26/2007**

**REP. RODRIGUEZ HOST U.S. CITIZENSHIP DRIVE**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**01/12/2007**

**Rep. Eddie Rodriguez to propose amendment to support Bloggers**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

**01/09/2007**

**Rep. Eddie Rodriguez announces website that provides free tax filing service**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## September

**09/16/2005**

**REP. RODRIGUEZ WISHES ALL TEXANS A FELIZ DIEZ Y SEIS HOLIDAY**

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## June

**06/23/2005**

**Rep. Rodriguez Files Income Tax Plan**

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## March

**03/22/2005**

**New Analysis Reveals Property Tax Cut Will ' Phase Out ' in Four Years**

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## February

02/24/2005

### [Choicepoint Identity Theft Debacle Prompts New Legislation](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

02/21/2005

### [Rodriguez Calls House Bill 2 'Smoke and Mirrors'](#)

by: Rep. Rodriguez, Eddie

## January

01/04/2005

### [Rep. Rodriguez Announces Community Property Tax Workshop](#)

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### Newsletters:

No newsletters have been submitted

### Press Conferences:

01/18/18 [Press Conference: D.A.C.A. Legislation](#)

01/09/17 [Press Conference: Legislative Priorities](#)

02/16/12 [Press Conference: Environment Texas](#)

06/29/11 [Press Conference: Reform Immigration For Texas Alliance On SB9](#)

02/26/09 [Press Conference: Public Safety and Economic Wellbeing](#)

04/13/07 [Press Conference: T. Don Hutto Immigrant Detention Center](#)

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