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FORT BEND AREA RELIGIOUS LEADERS' LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(Missouri City, TX)—On July 16, 2013, Congressman Al Green hosted the Ninth Congressional District Fort Bend Religious Leaders' Legislative Update. The event was co-chaired by State Senator Rodney Ellis as well as State Representative Ron Reynolds, with guest speaker Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen.

Congressman Al Green gave an update on legislation under consideration in the first session of the 113th Congress and addressed the concerns of the reli-

gious leaders and local elected officials present.

Congressman Al Green will continue to host meetings of this nature to hear concerns from religious leaders.

"Meetings such as these are so important because religious leaders are on the frontlines in our communities," Congressman Green said. "They have



Congressman Al Green meeting with religious leaders from the Fort Bend area, along with Missouri City Mayor Allen Owen, State Rep. Ron Reynolds, Constable Ruben Davis, State Senator Rodney Ellis, and Councilman Don Smith.

dedicated themselves to a life of community service and should be recognized for their dedication."

CONGRESSMAN AL GREEN INTRODUCES TWO HOUSING BILLS

(Washington, DC)—On July 24, 2013, Congressman Al Green (TX-09) introduced two bills: the FHA Alternative Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act of 2013 and the FHA In-Person Servicing Improvement Act of 2013 in the House of Representatives.

The FHA Alternative Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act of 2013 would extend the authority of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a pilot program to determine if applicants for Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured loans who lack "sufficient" credit history for determining their creditworthiness can be scored using an automated, alternative process. The authority was originally established in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

The automated process could include rent, utilities, and insurance payment histories, and such other information that the Secretary deems appropriate.

"This critical legislation represents one more step forward in responsibly expanding access to homeownership to hardworking

persons who pay all of their bills in a timely manner, including rent which often exceeds a mortgage," Congressman Al Green said. "Homeownership is essential to moving our economic recovery forward and expanding our middle class."

The FHA In-Person Servicing Improvement Act of 2013 would authorize a pilot program in which FHA will use qualified firms to conduct in-person contact with FHA borrowers who are late on their loans by more than 60 days. The program would provide more information and transparency to FHA borrowers who are in danger of losing their homes due to being late on loan payments.

"This common-sense legislation gives those people who have sought to own a home through FHA loans all the information and assistance necessary for them to meet their obligations as well as remain responsible homeowners," Congressman Al Green said. "Our economic recovery will be better enhanced by operating our federal programs proactively to prevent foreclosure rather than reactively, which can prolong foreclosure."

COSPONSORED BILLS

• **H.R.2618** : To allow certain State and local government employees to elect to treat employment as Medicare-qualified government employment for purposes of entitlement to Medicare coverage. (07/08/13)

• **H.R.2553** : National Infrastructure Development Bank Act of 2013 (06/27/13)

• **H.R.2538** : The Credit Access and Inclusion Act (06/27/13)

• **H.R.2523** : Respect for Marriage Act (06/26/13)

• **H.R.2384** : Food Security Improvement Act of 2013 (06/14/13)

• **H.R.2309** : Wireless Tax Fairness Act of 2013 (06/11/13)

• **H.R.2195** : Promise Neighborhoods Act of 2013 (05/23/13)

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