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## **Former State Representative Jim Jackson Joins Texas Legislative Associates**

*Firm Provides Unique Expertise in Texas Legislative and State Agency Arenas*

**Austin, TX** – Former State Representative Jim Jackson is joining forces with the Texas Legislative Associates (TLA), one of Texas’ premier independent lobby firms. Jackson joins a team of experienced lobbyists, former lawmakers and association executives that established the firm in 2012 to provide a wide range of government affairs and public relations services to their clients.

“We are delighted to expand the expertise we offer our clients through Jim’s valuable institutional knowledge of legislative issues from his decades of public service,” said TLA Managing Associate Brad Shields. “His talent and experience allows us to provide our clients’ access to key policymakers and a unique insight into the critical issues facing the Texas Legislature.”

Jackson served as a Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives from 2005 to 2011. During his tenure, he served as chairman of the House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee and also as a member of the House Appropriations, House Public Education, House Public Health and House County Affairs committees. Jackson also served as state chairman for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and as Dallas County Commissioner from 1974 until 2004. He was named a “Fighter For Free Enterprise” and a “Champion For Free Enterprise” by the Texas Association of Business, a “Texas Taxpayer Hero” by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and a “Defender of the American Dream” by Americans for Prosperity. He also received the “TLR Civil Justice Leadership Award” from Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

TLA’s principals include well-regarded lobbyist Brad Shields, former State Representative and Public Education Chairman Kent Grusendorf, former State Representative Bill Keffer, longtime legislative staffer and lobbyist Brad T. Shields II, and association lobbyist and political consultant Stephanie Gibson. The group teams with Noble Strategic Partners, an Austin-based full-service public relations firm to offer public relations and communications services.

Services provided by TLA include strategic planning, legislative and regulatory administration, session lobbying, industry coalition building, regulatory advocacy, legislative interim activities, grassroots political action, media and public relations.

For more information on TLA, visit [www.texaslegislativeassociates.com](http://www.texaslegislativeassociates.com). For more information on Noble Strategic Partners, visit [www.noblestrategic.com](http://www.noblestrategic.com).

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