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REP. SHAHEEN ANNOUNCES STAFF FOR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Plano, Dallas Rep. Pledges Early Start to Upcoming 85th Legislature Starting in January 2017

AUSTIN—State Representative Matt Shaheen today announced his staff for the upcoming 85th Legislative Session. "The session may still be seven months away, but time flies and we want to be as prepared as possible to make sure we're ready to serve the constituents of Plano and Dallas effectively and responsibly," said Shaheen.

Shaheen announced Mikael Garcia, a veteran Capitol staffer, as his Chief of Staff. "Mikael has worked through a number of legislative sessions and he's passionate about the issues important to our area of the state," said Shaheen. Garcia has a bachelor's degree in government from the University of Texas and a law degree from St. Mary's University. A former George W. Bush Administration intern, he also previously served as legislative director for several different offices at the Capitol.

Also joining Shaheen's staff is Gabriella Perdichizzi as Legislative Aide. Perdichizzi has a background in finance and currently studies political science with a focus on public policy. She also previously interned for the Texas Legislature. "Gabriella served as an intern in my office over the last few months and proved herself to be a crucial element to our team. She's a budding expert on policy and procedure and she's going to be a great addition to the staff," said Shaheen.

"When it comes to preparation, we don't plan on wasting any time. Both Mikael and Gabriella will be an asset to our office and I'm confident that the residents of Plano and Dallas will benefit from their eagerness to solve problems at the state and local level."

Representative Shaheen serves on the Texas House Committees on Criminal Jurisprudence and Defense & Veteran's Affairs. He is a resident of Plano and serves the citizens of Texas House District 66, which encompasses west Plano and far north Dallas.

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