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Texas Society of CPAs Invited to Speak at National Taxpayer Advocate's Public Forum in San Antonio on Aug. 30

DALLAS (Aug. 26, 2016) — National Taxpayer Advocate Nina E. Olson and U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas) will hold a public forum in San Antonio on Tuesday, Aug. 30, to discuss what taxpayers want and need from the IRS to comply with their tax obligations. The forum will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Maestro Entrepreneur Center, 1811 South Laredo Street. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Texas Society of CPA's (TSCPA) Chairman-elect Jim Oliver, CPA—San Antonio, Jim Oliver & Associates, P.C., and TSCPA members Jim Smith, CPA—Dallas, Smith, Jackson, Boyer & Bovard, PLLC, and Jaime Vasquez, JD, CPA—San Antonio, Chamberlain Hrdlicka Law Firm, have been invited to serve on a panel discussion during the public forum. Oliver and Smith will give testimony on behalf of TSCPA, its Federal Tax Policy Committee and the San Antonio Chapter. They will provide commentary on the IRS “future state” plan and whether it adequately addresses taxpayer needs.

In the National Taxpayer Advocate's *2015 Annual Report to Congress*, Olson expressed concerns about the “future state” plan, saying that it may leave critical taxpayer needs and preferences unmet. She recommended the IRS solicit comments from taxpayers and tax professionals regarding the plan. TSCPA's Federal Tax Policy Committee conveyed similar concerns in a [letter](#) this past March to the Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew and IRS Commissioner John Koskinen.

Olson will conduct the hearing in collaboration with Rep. Doggett, who represents Texas' 35th congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Members of the public will also have an opportunity to speak, and Local Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) staff will be

available to talk with attendees about unresolved tax issues and help determine if their situation qualifies for TAS assistance.

ABOUT TSCPA

[Texas Society of CPAs](#) is a nonprofit, voluntary, professional organization representing Texas CPAs. The society has 20 local chapters statewide and has more than 28,000 members, one of the largest in-state memberships of any state CPA society in the United States. TSCPA is committed to serving the public interest with programs that advance the highest standards of ethics and practice within the CPA profession.

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