



85th State Legislative Program

Jeff Coyle, Director
Government & Public Affairs

Intergovernmental Relations Sub Committee
August 16, 2016



The City Council-approved State
Legislative Program guides staff and
consultants to advocate on behalf of
the City.

Texas Legislature Background



- Regular Legislative Sessions begin in January every odd-numbered year and convene for not more than 140 days.
- Texas Senate: 31 members;
Lt Governor presides
- Texas House of Representatives: 150 members
Speaker of the House presides



84th Legislative Session Recap



6,476 Bills Filed*

1,329 Passed (20.5%)

2,223 Bills tracked by COSA*

220+ City-Related Bills Passed



*Includes bills & proposed Constitutional amendments

84th Legislative Session Recap



- ✓ **83%** COSA Initiatives Passed
- ✓ **90%** Bills actively opposed by COSA defeated



Political Landscape



- At least 22 new House members
 - At least 2 new San Antonio members
 - 2 incumbents with opponent in November
- At least 3 new Senators
 - One San Antonio Senator with November opponent



Political Landscape



- Numerous new committee chairs
 - House:
 - House Appropriations (6 members)
 - Public Education
 - Natural Resources
 - Public Health
 - Defense & Veterans' Affairs
 - Senate:
 - Business & Commerce
 - Natural Resources & Economic Development

Program Timeline



On-going
meetings
with State
leadership

DATE	ACTIVITY
May 2016	Request for department recommendations
June - July	Department & community partner proposals received; Draft Legislative Program
August	Proposals reviewed by City staff and Consultants
	Draft Legislative Program reviewed by City Manager, Mayor and IGR Sub Committee
August 16 th	Recommendations considered by IGR Council Sub Committee
August 17 th	City Council briefing - B Session
September 1 st	City Council consideration and final approval

Structure of 85th State Legislative Program



I. Priorities

II. Endorsements

III. Protection of Community Interests

IV. Partnerships





Priorities

- Revenue Caps
- Annexation Authority
- Local Control
- Alamo Funding
- Military Protection
- Economic Competitiveness
- Transportation Funding



Endorsements

- Economic Development
- Education & Workforce Development
- Transportation & Infrastructure
- Public Health



Protection of Community Interests



*Support legislation that would clearly benefit the City
and oppose legislation that would be detrimental to
the City's interests*

Undermine the principles of self-government

Mandate increased cost to cities, including environmental;

Result in the loss of revenue to cities or negatively impacts the authority of the City to generate revenues; and

Result in diminishing the fundamental authority of cities to operate in a manner consistent with the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

Partnerships



- CPS Energy
- Brooks City-Base
- Port San Antonio
- San Antonio River Authority
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- San Antonio Water System
- Texas A&M University - San Antonio
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- University of Texas Health Science Center

85th State Legislative Timeline



2016 ACTIVITY

November 8	Election Day
November 14	Pre-filing of legislation begins

2017 ACTIVITY

January 10	85 th State Legislature convenes
March 10	Bill filing deadline
May 29	Last day of regular session
June 18	Last day Governor can sign or veto bills



85th State Legislative Program

Jeff Coyle, Director
Government & Public Affairs

Intergovernmental Relations Sub Committee
August 16, 2016