



86th State Legislative Session Program

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State Legislative Program



The City Council-approved State Legislative Program provides guidance to staff and consultants advocating on behalf of the City and its residents.

Program Timeline



DATE	ACTIVITY
April	Request for department recommendations
July	Proposals reviewed by GPA and Consultants
July/August	Draft Legislative Program
August	Draft reviewed by City Leadership
September 12	IGR Council Committee consideration
September 19	City Council Briefing - B Session
October	City Council consideration and adoption
November 13	Pre-filing of legislation begins
December	Delegation Briefing

Structure of 86th State Legislative Program



I. Priorities

II. COSA Initiatives

III. Endorsements

IV. Protection of Community Interests

V. Partnerships



Priorities



- Meaningful Property Tax Relief
- Protecting Taxpayers' Investment in Public Utilities
- Preserving Local Decision-Making
- Support for Military City, USA
- Keeping San Antonio Competitive

Priorities



Meaningful Property Tax Relief

The City of San Antonio seeks meaningful property tax relief through a combination of more state funding for public education and more flexibility for local elected officials to provide targeted tax relief.

Priorities



Meaningful Property Tax Relief

- ✓ The City supports an increase in the state's share of public education, therefore reducing the property tax burden of local taxpayers.
- ✓ The City supports more flexibility for local elected officials to offer targeted tax relief, such as exemptions for long-time low to moderate income homeowners.
- ✓ The City opposes a reduced rollback rate or revenue cap that provides minimal relief to taxpayers while limiting the City's ability to deliver public safety, infrastructure and other critical services.

Priorities



Protecting Taxpayers' Investment in Public Utilities

- ✓ The City opposes legislation with any negative impact on municipally-owned CPS Energy and SAWS, including the erosion of the City's Return on Investment that benefits City residents.

Priorities



Preserving Local Decision-Making

- ✓ The City supports the continued ability of local elected officials - the level of government closest to the people - to pass ordinances that address the priorities and unique needs of the community.

Priorities



Support for Military City, USA

- ✓ The City supports legislation that enhances military value and protects military installations from future base realignment and closure (BRAC) activities.
- ✓ The City supports additional funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG), Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund and other programs.
- ✓ The City opposes legislation that facilitates encroachment on military installations, including legislation that would undermine the City's tree ordinance.

Priorities

Keeping San Antonio Competitive



- ✓ The City supports the continued viability of San Antonio to attract business and compete for major sporting events and conventions that grow the local and state economy.
- ✓ The City supports the continuation of local and state incentives to supplement local economic development strategies to recruit and retain employers.
- ✓ The City opposes legislation that would limit or eliminate the current flexibility of the Major Events Reimbursement program as a tool for cities to attract and host major events and conventions.

COSA Initiatives



- ✓ Propose legislation to allow a code enforcement officer when performing official duties to possess or carry an instrument used for deterring the bite of an animal.
- ✓ Propose legislation to extend the deadline for the governing body of a political subdivision that holds its general election for officers on a date other than the November uniform election date, to change the date to the November uniform election date.

Endorsements



Public Health & Safety

- ✓ The City supports legislation that would enhance pedestrian safety and continue to support safety initiatives, such as Vision Zero, by improving safety enhancements near schools and allowing cities more flexibility to reduce speed limits on local streets for the overall safety of all road users.
- ✓ The City supports state funding and programs to support the City's efforts to improve air quality within the region, reduce negative health impacts associated with air quality, and continue to maintain the public's health and safety that is the foundation to our economic wellbeing.

Endorsements



Public Health & Safety

- ✓ The City supports increased funding for prevention and treatment of opioids and other substance use disorders.
- ✓ The City supports legislation that eliminates obstacles for local public health departments to advance public health efforts and to address local issues affecting jurisdictions.
- ✓ The City supports the creation of the offense of mail theft.
- ✓ Gun Safety - Pending Public Safety Committee

Endorsements



Affordable Housing

- ✓ The City supports more flexibility for local elected officials to offer targeted tax relief, such as exemptions for long-time low and moderate income homeowners.
- ✓ The City supports legislation that allows for flexible and innovative solutions to increase the supply of affordable housing for low and moderate income families.

Endorsements

Education



- ✓ The City supports increasing the availability and accessibility of high quality early care and education services for all eligible children from low-income families.
- ✓ The City supports expanded state funding of Pre-K to provide high quality, full-day programs for all Texas four-year-olds.
- ✓ The City supports legislation that would provide enhanced formula funding for institutions of higher education (IHEs) and allow Tuition Revenue Bonds to be utilized for capital projects at IHEs in San Antonio.

Endorsements

Transportation



- ✓ Support efforts to protect statewide transportation funding programs by preventing the diversion of transportation revenues to non-transportation purposes.
- ✓ The City supports legislation that would remove restrictions that constrain an airport operator's ability to generate necessary revenue to maintain and improve capital facilities, as well as monitor and enforce the safe and efficient operation of airport traffic.
- ✓ The City supports legislation that would allow local elected officials and/or voters to consider additional funding options for cities to address streets, sidewalks and other transportation needs that are not otherwise met by current funding sources.

Protection of Community Interests



The City of San Antonio supports legislation that would clearly benefit the City and opposes legislation that would be detrimental to the City's interests, including bills that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Undermine the principles of self-government;
- Mandate increased cost to cities, including environmental mandates;
- 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
- SAWS
- JBSA
- San Antonio Area ISDs
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Port SA
- Brooks City-Base
- Chambers of Commerce
- Bexar County
- SA Housing Authority
- SA Mobility Coalition
- SA River Authority
- Visit SA
- VIA



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