

# 86<sup>th</sup> State Legislative Update



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# Session Update

- ❖ Big City Mayor's Meeting
- ❖ Bexar County Delegation Briefing
- ❖ Pre-session TML Retreat
- ❖ Legislative Landscape & Leadership Priorities
- ❖ Bills Filed To-Date

# Big City Mayor's Meeting

Hosted by Mayor Nirenberg in November

9 Cities Attended

Amarillo, Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi,  
Dallas, El Paso, Houston, Lubbock, and Plano



Texas Legislative Session Preview

Panelists

Key legislators and Associations



# Pre-Session TML Retreat

## Issues

- Revenue Caps/Property Taxes
- Land Use
- Preemption
  - Small cell
  - Plastic bag bans
  - Short-term rentals
- Sanctuary Cities
- Construction permit fees
- Economic Development / Chapter 312
- Local Transportation Funding Options
- Ballot Propositions relating to city charters

## Messaging

## Other city's legislative programs



# Legislative Landscape

- **New Speaker** of the House & Committee Leadership
- **31** new House members; including **4** from local delegation
- **6** new Senators; including **1** from delegation



# Different Trend from 2017

- ❖ House & Senate leadership priority legislation has *not* been filed
- ❖ Lt. Governor has *not* formally laid out his legislative priorities
- ❖ There's a consistent message from both chambers --  
To tackle property taxes and school finance

# Bills of Interest

**959** Bills filed to-date

(**669** House bills & **290** Senate bills)

- Preemption
- Revenue Caps
- Property Tax Exemptions
- Lobbying Restrictions
- Alamo/Monuments
- Mail Theft
- Additional Vehicle Registration Fee



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