



# 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Recap

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# Session overview

- ❖ Total bills filed/passed  
**7,541 / 1,434 (19%)**
- ❖ Total bills tracked by COSA  
**1,600**
- ❖ Last day the governor may  
sign or veto bills  
**Sunday, June 16**



# State Legislative Program



1. Priorities



2. CoSA Initiatives



3. Endorsements



4. Protection of  
Community Interest



5. Partnerships

# 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.

# 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.

## ✓ HB 3

### **\$11.6B in new funding for public ed**

- \$6.5B to ISDs (Teacher raises, Pre-K, Dual Language)
- \$5B to property tax relief

### **School property tax revenues capped at 2.5%**

- (Example: SAISD rate will go from \$1.17 to \$1.06)
- State to make up the lost revenue

### **State funding has increased from 38% to 45%**



# Meaningful Property Tax Relief

The City *supports* more flexibility for local elected officials to offer targeted tax relief.

- ✕ Anchor Neighbors
- ✕ Homestead Exemptions

# Meaningful Property Tax Relief

The City *opposes* a reduced rollback rate which would provide minimal to no relief to taxpayers while limiting the City's ability to deliver public safety, enhanced infrastructure and other critical services.

## ✓ **SB 2 – Property Tax Reform**

### **Reduces rollback rate from 8% to 3.5%**

- Requires automatic election to exceed
- Excludes junior college and hospital districts

### **Includes carryforward provision**

- Allows taxing unit to “bank” unused increment for up to three years

### **Impact to COSA (2009-2019)**

- \$81M in lost revenue
- \$0.98 monthly savings for average taxpayer

# 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.

## ✗ **HB 4052** – County franchise fees





# 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.



# Preserving Local Decision-Making

## Cable/Telecom Franchise Fees

### TAXPAYER-OWNED PROPERTY TAKEN FOR FOR-PROFIT USE

Loss of rental revenue for use of taxpayer-owned property expected to exceed \$125 million annually statewide:

- *City of Houston rental revenue loss upwards of -\$28 million annually*
- *City of San Antonio -\$8 million*
- *City of Dallas -\$9 million*
- *City of Sugar Land -\$1.2 million*
- *City of Denton -\$680K*



# Preserving Local Decision-Making

## Alamo/Monuments

- ✗ SB 1663
- ✗ HB 1836
- ✗ SB 1400
- ✗ HB 583



# Preserving Local Decision-Making

- ✗ Taxpayer funded lobbying
- ✗ ETJ Authority
- ✗ Short-term rentals
- ✗ Super preemption
- ✗ Tree ordinances
- ✗ Eminent domain
- ✗ County Fire & Food Inspections
- ✗ Election & Ballot Requirements/Debt Restrictions



# Preserving Local Decision-Making

- ✓ Workers Comp/Presumption
- ✗ Land Development/Building Regulations
- ✗ Licensing Pre-emption
- ✗ Scooters
- ✓ ESD Sales Tax
- ✗ Solid Waste Franchise Fees



# Support for Military City, USA

The City *supports* additional funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG), Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund and other programs.



✓ **HB 1** – DEAAG \$30M

✓ **HB 2119** – Military Revolving Loan Fund

The City *opposes* legislation that threatens military missions, including legislation that undermines the City's ordinances that ensure compatible development.

✓ **SB 422** – No fees or fines in ETJ





# 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.

- ✓ **SB 1443** – Extends the Texas Military Preparedness Commission
  - ✓ **HB 1326** – Texas Military Department sunset
- ✓ **SB 1200** – Military Spouse Employment "substantial equivalency"

# 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.

- ✓ **HB 4347** – Hotel convention center projects
  - ✓ **HB 1** – Texas Enterprise Fund
    - ✓ **HB 1** – Film Incentives
- No bathroom bill



# Keeping San Antonio Competitive

The City *supports* the continuation of local and state incentives to supplement local economic development strategies to recruit and retain employers.

✓ **HB 3143 – Ch. 312 Extension**

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.

✓ **No major changes to MERP**

# Transportation Funding for Current & Future Growth

The City *supports* legislation that would allow local elected officials and/or voters to consider additional funding options for cities to address streets, sidewalks, transit and other transportation needs.

- ✖ **HB 130** – Optional county fee increase for vehicle registration
- ✖ **HB 3258** – ATD sales and use tax increase



# Transportation Funding for Current & Future Growth

The City supports efforts to ensure the equitable distribution of state funding and the continued full funding of Propositions 1 & 7, as well as the extension of the Prop 1 sunset provision.

✓ **SB 962** – Extends Proposition 1

# City's Initiative

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.

✓ **HB 2584 – “Bite Sticks”**



# Bills of Interest

- ✓ Tobacco 21 Statewide
- ✓ Mail Theft
- ✓ GJ Sutton
- ✓ Airport Safety
- ✓ Parks Funding
- ✓ BAMC
- ✓ School Safety
- ✗ Tuition Revenue Bonds
- ✗ Pensions
- ✗ Prima Facie
- ✗ Paid Sick Leave
- ✗ Tethering
- ✗ Homestead Preservation districts



# COSA Partners

- ✓ Utility worker safety
- ✓ SA State Hospital Funding
- ✓ Groundwater Conservation District
- ✓ Tourism Marketing
- ✓ Air quality funding
- ✓ State Flood Plan and Infrastructure Fund
- ✓ Higher Ed formula funding



# 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Summary

- ❖ SB 2 and SB 1152 passed and will have substantial fiscal impact on the City
- ❖ Most preemption bills were fixed or defeated
- ❖ 83% success rate for City of San Antonio



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