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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Intergovernmental Relations Council Committee

FROM: Jeff Coyle, Director of Government & Public Affairs

SUBJECT: State Legislative Interim Update

DATE: May 11, 2018

During the Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting, CPS Energy will provide an update on the utility's state legislative interim priorities and recent participation in interim committee hearings.

The Committee will then receive a briefing from Government & Public Affairs (GPA) on the timeline for development of the City's Legislative Program for the 86th Texas Legislative Session, which will commence in January 2019. The goal is to produce an agenda that is strategic and impactful, one that aligns with City priorities, preserves municipal authority, protects or increases revenue to the City and/or promotes efficient delivery of services.

GPA is currently working with City departments and community partners to develop the proposed State Legislative Program. In June, the IGR Committee will participate in a strategy session with the City's state consultant team to discuss potential legislative priorities. Discussions with the San Antonio legislative delegation are underway; the first Legislative Talk took place in March and the next one is scheduled for June 22. This is an opportunity to discuss the development of the legislative program and priority issues for the 2019 session. Finally, GPA will present a draft Legislative Program and a formal "B" session presentation in August. After further refinement, City Council will consider final approval in early fall.

The IGR Committee will also receive an update on the interim legislative session. During the interim session, GPA is engaged with key stakeholders to review priority issues of shared concern and to unify our message to the Legislature. It is expected that there will be a continued effort during the 86th legislative session to undermine local authority, so it is important for the City to remain active in the legislative process. At the December 2017 IGR Committee meeting GPA and Focused Advocacy, the City's state consultant, reviewed specific interim charges most relevant to City programs, funding or authority. Most of these have yet to be scheduled for a committee hearing but the City continues to monitor interim charges and interim committee hearings, which often guide the discussions for legislation during session and could help shape specific priority issues to be considered for the City's program.