



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT: Government Affairs

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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

The City of San Antonio's proposed State Legislative Program for the 89th State Legislative Session

SUMMARY:

Briefing on the development of the City's State Legislative Program for the 89th State Legislative Session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Government Affairs Department will provide a briefing on the proposed State Legislative Program for the 89th Texas Legislative Session. Government Affairs briefed the Intergovernmental Relations Committee on September 6 and September 25.

The Texas Legislature meets every two years in odd numbered years; the 89th Legislative Session is scheduled to begin on January 14, 2025. Prior to the start of each regular Session, the City of San Antonio identifies community priorities and the legislative initiatives that it will seek to have addressed by the Legislature. These priorities and initiatives are developed through work with the City Council, departments, state consultants, and community partners to consider

recommendations for inclusion in the proposed State Legislative Program. The goal is to develop a legislative program that is strategic and impactful, one that aligns with the priorities of San Antonio residents, protects revenue to the City and promotes enhanced delivery of services to the community. The proposed program for the 89th legislative session includes one funding initiative and four pillars that encompass the program's priorities. The initiative and four pillars are:

Initiatives

East-West Business Corridor

Support development of an East-West roadway across the southern region of San Antonio providing access to major manufacturing employers.

Priority Pillars

Protection of Community Interests

The City's overarching legislative priority is to preserve the voice of the community – as expressed through the city charter and other voter approved amendments – and maintain a fiscally sound and well-managed organization to allow for continued high quality services to our residents and local businesses.

Community Development

The City of San Antonio is prepared for growth in a way that is compatible with City Council and community priorities. This vision includes investments in a strong local economy, increasing housing stability for residents, and an educated and trained workforce.

Public Health & Safety

The City of San Antonio's healthcare mission is to protect and improve the health of our community so that all people thrive in a healthy and safe environment. The strategic priority areas are access to care, nutrition and food insecurity, violence and crime prevention, health equity and social justice, and mental health.

Infrastructure & Resiliency

Expanding infrastructure is needed to foster economic growth and create a resilient future for San Antonio. San Antonio's priorities are to make strategic investments that acknowledge the need for digital inclusion as a necessity in a rapidly changing society; create transportation infrastructure that incorporates safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists; and prepare for the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.

ISSUE:

The State Legislative Program provides City Council direction to staff and its consultants during legislative sessions. The Legislative Program is developed with input from City Council through briefings to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the full City Council. This briefing will provide an opportunity for Council input before the adoption of the Legislative Program for the 89th State Legislative Session.

ALTERNATIVES:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

RECOMMENDATION:

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