

City Council B-Session

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Texas Legislature Outlook

Governor

Senate

- 31 members, Lt. Governor presides
- At least 2 new members

House of Representatives

- 150 Members, Speaker presides
- At least 33 new legislators

89th State Legislative Program Development



City Council

**State Trade
Organizations**

**COSA
Departments**

**Partnerships
& Outreach**

**IGR Staff
Roundtable**

**Key State
Committees**

**Delegation
Members**

Community Stakeholders

CPS Energy	San Antonio Water System	AACOG	Bexar County	Bexar County Education Coalition	Bexar County Health Coalition
Brooks	Local Chambers of Commerce	Local Institutions of Higher Education	Joint Base San Antonio	Local small businesses	Local major employers
Local nonprofit organizations	Port San Antonio	Local Independent School Districts	Opportunity Home SA	SA Digital Connects	San Antonio Food Bank
San Antonio Mobility Coalition	San Antonio River Authority	SAWS	Texas Municipal League	VIA Metro	Visit SA

89th State Legislative Program Principles

01

The City of San Antonio's 89th State Legislative Program aims to improve residents' quality of life through policy and funding.

02

The Government Affairs Department advocates on behalf of San Antonio residents to secure the authority and resources needed to deliver quality services.

03

The City of San Antonio's Legislative Priorities will be accomplished in collaboration and alignment with community partners and the State of Texas.

Structure of 89th State Legislative Program

Initiatives



PROTECTION
OF
COMMUNITY
INTERESTS



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



PUBLIC HEALTH &
SAFETY



INFRASTRUCTURE
& RESILIENCY



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.



East-West Corridor

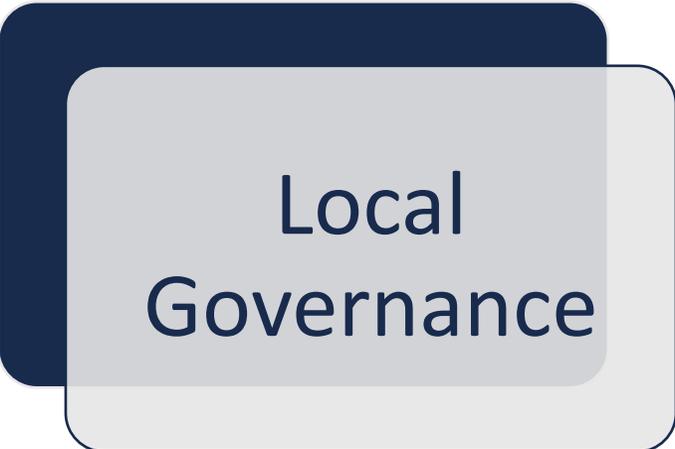
Infrastructure improvements are needed to enhance access and connectivity for major employers, commercial and manufacturing businesses to the rest of the city and the state's highway system.

- The south side of San Antonio has seen an incredible amount of growth and investments.
- In the next four years, there will be at least 2,000 more jobs in the area.
- The business, residential, and job growth in the area is attracting significant retail into south San Antonio. Restaurants, retail and many other establishments have opened locations in the South Side.



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.



Local
Governance



Military City
USA[®]



Municipally
Owned
Utilities

Local Governance



Support legislation that maintains the authority of local elected officials to create new ordinances and protect the existing ones.



Oppose legislation that would be detrimental to the City's interests and results in the loss of revenue or negatively impacts the authority to generate revenues.



Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority to enforce development-related regulations.



Oppose legislation that is discriminatory and undermines the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance.

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Support

Support increased funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) and other military related funding.

Oppose

Oppose legislation that undermines the City's ability to sustain and enhance Joint Base San Antonio's (JBSA) and the Texas National Guard's mission readiness.

Support

Support basing actions that would increase the number of Department of Defense and Texas National Guard military missions in the San Antonio region.

Municipally Owned Utilities

Support legislation that protects the municipal utility model for CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).

Community Development

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



Economic Development



Housing Stability



Workforce

Economic Development



Support the continuation of local and state incentives to supplement local economic development strategies to recruit and retain employers and compete for major sporting events and conventions.



Support additional funding for the arts and film industry.

Housing Stability



Support legislation that helps local governments to increase affordability, quality, accessibility, and choice in housing.



Support legislation that provides sustainable property tax relief to San Antonio residents.

Workforce

Support legislation that invests in educational and job placement programs and increased access to childcare to provide support for our growing workforce.

Public Health and Safety

Support legislation to protect and improve the health of our community so that all people thrive in a healthy and safe environment.

Healthcare
and Nutrition

Violence
Prevention

Healthcare & Nutrition

Support funding to expand San Antonio's psychiatric and behavioral health system and add facilities to provide additional mental health services to our community.

Support legislation that improves access to healthcare services to all San Antonians.

Support additional funding for services and programs that provide food assistance, increase access to nutritious foods, and promote food security.

Support improved state funding and access to comprehensive and timely mental health care in Texas.

Supports legislation that encourages responsible pet ownership and improves the health, safety and welfare of our residents and pets.

Violence Prevention

Support efforts to prevent and mitigate domestic and targeted violence in order to ensure the safety and well being of all San Antonians.

Support responsible firearm safety practices and additional resources to help aid in the prevention of gun violence in our community.

Infrastructure and Resiliency

Expand infrastructure and resiliency by increasing opportunities in digital inclusion, transportation infrastructure, and pedestrian safety, as well as preparing for the impacts of extreme weather events and natural disasters.



Digital Inclusion



Transportation



Resiliency

Digital Inclusion

Support legislation that ensures and funds infrastructure, connectivity and affordability of broadband internet service for all San Antonians.

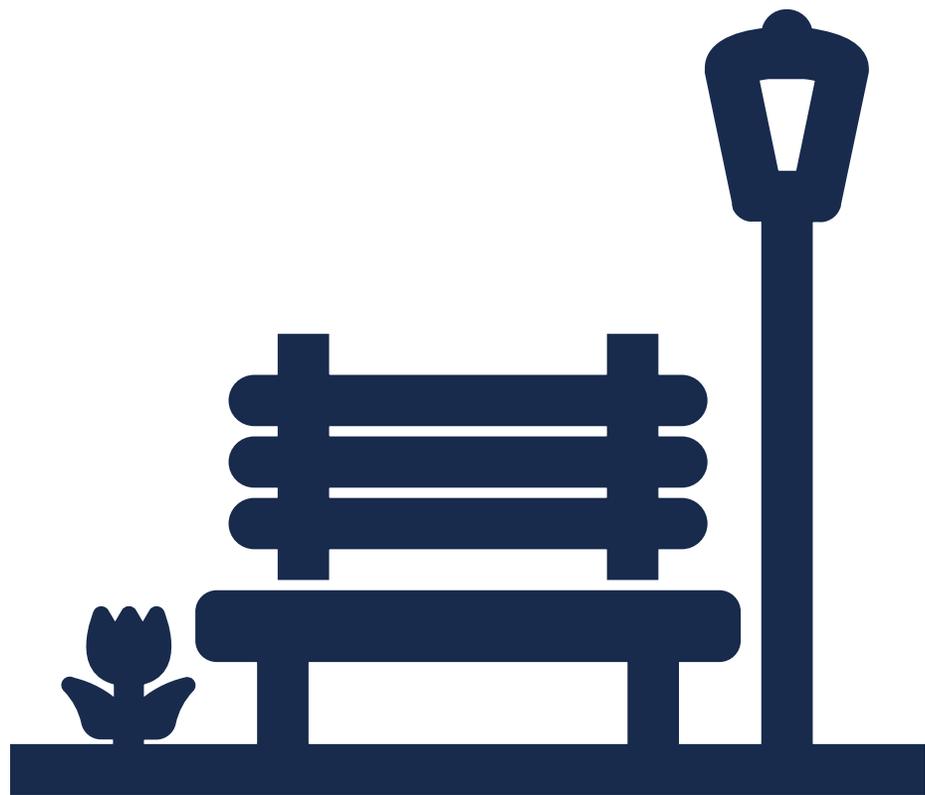
Transportation



SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO MEET THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE RAPIDLY GROWING SAN ANTONIO REGION, REDUCE CONGESTION, AND ADDRESS AGING INFRASTRUCTURE.



SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SAFETY INITIATIVES SUCH AS VISION ZERO.



Resiliency

Support legislation that provides for the development of resilient and sustainable utility and transportation infrastructure to prepare our community against extreme weather events and natural disasters.



Council Consideration Requests

We will monitor the following items to see if they require legislative action.

Pending Council Consideration Requests:

- BYOB Establishments – Council Member Pelaez
- Comprehensive Safety Measures for Loose and Dangerous dogs – Council Member Alderete Gavito
- B.R.E.A.T.H.(Building Regulations Enhancing Anti-Vaping Trends & Habits) – Council Member Courage

State Program: Dates of Interest & Milestones

May 2024 – July 2024	Program Development Coordination with City Departments
September 6 & September 25, 2024	Proposed State Legislative Program recommendations to Intergovernmental Relations Committee for approval
October 2, 2024	City Council Briefing – B Session
October 2024	Adoption of City's Legislative Agenda – A Session
November 5, 2024	Election Day
November 11, 2024	First day bills may be filed for the 89th Legislature
January 14, 2025	89th State Legislative Session begins for 140 days

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