89TH STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM 2025

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The City of San Antonio's 89th State Legislative Program outlines our community's policy priorities and legislative goals. The program aims to improve residents' quality of life through policy and funding. The Government Affairs Department advocates on behalf of San Antonio residents to secure the authority and resources needed to deliver quality services. The City of San Antonio's legislative priorities can only be accomplished in collaboration and alignment with community partners and the State of Texas.

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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.

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

Support legislation that maintains the authority of local elected officials – the level of government closest to the people – to create new ordinances and protect the existing ones to meet the unique needs and priorities of the community.

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, including mandates that increase costs to cities.

Oppose legislation that would erode municipal authority to enforce development-related regulations, such as land use, permitting, and inspections, as well as legislation that interferes with our cost-recovery model or historic preservation efforts.

Oppose legislation that is discriminatory and undermines the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance, which protects from discrimination based on race, color, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, veteran status, age or national origin.

Military City USA®

Support increased funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) and other programs that add military value to missions in San Antonio and Texas.

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

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 to ensure the long-term protection of its military bases.

Municipally Owned Utilities

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

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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 housing stability for residents, and an educated and trained 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 that grow the local and state economy.

Support additional funding for the arts and film industry, increased flexibility in grant programs, and protecting the current Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIP) guidelines.

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 & 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.

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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 for 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 & 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.

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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.

PARTNERSHIPS

The City of San Antonio coordinates with local, state, and national partners in support of their legislative agendas that enhance the health, safety and vitality of the community, provided it does not conflict with the City's own legislative agenda.

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