

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 88TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS STATE LEGISLATURE.

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WHEREAS, prior to the convening of each biennial State legislative session, the City of San Antonio identifies policy priorities and legislative initiatives that it would like the Texas Legislature to address when it convenes January 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the result of this work is the pending State Legislative Program, which contains legislative priorities that staff and consultants will actively support or oppose through the drafting of legislation and amendments, finding bill sponsor(s), providing testimony, and/or actively pursuing legislative action; and

WHEREAS, proposed priorities include the protection of community interests such as local governance, municipal utilities, and the City's status as Military City USA; preparing for expected growth through economic and community development issues including affordable housing, property tax relief, workforce, and education; to protect and improve the public health and safety, through healthcare, nutrition, and violence prevention initiatives; and expanding infrastructure and resiliency, such as digital inclusion, transportation and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislative Program is designed to be strategic and impactful, align with the priorities of San Antonio residents, preserve the authority of those elected to represent them to make decisions that are in the best interests of their constituents, protect the ability to generate the revenue necessary to provide critical healthcare, public safety, infrastructure, and other essential services and/or promote efficient governance and delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee was initially briefed on the program at the September 14, 2022 committee meeting, considered the Program again on October 17, 2022, and the City Council was briefed on the Program in B Session on October 19, 2022; **NOW, THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council approves the City of San Antonio's State Legislative Program for the 88th Legislative Session. A copy of the proposed Program is attached to this Ordinance as **Exhibit I.**

SECTION 2. Staff is directed to inform the Bexar County Legislative Delegation of the Program and to undertake such steps as are reasonably necessary to obtain passage of the City's various initiatives during the upcoming 88th Legislative Session.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective ten days after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of November 2022.

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Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney