

City of San Antonio 88th State Legislative Session Program

Council A Session – November 3, 2022

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**THE CITY COUNCIL-APPROVED
STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
GUIDES STAFF AND CONSULTANTS
TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF
THE CITY BEFORE THE TEXAS
LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR'S
OFFICE AND STATE AGENCIES.**



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PROGRAM 2023**



REGULAR SESSION TIMELINE

NOVEMBER 14

Bill prefiling begins

JANUARY 10

First day of Session

MARCH 10

60-day bill filing deadline

MAY 29

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JUNE 18

Governor deadline to sign/veto bills



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Government Affairs

City Departments

Consultant Team

IGR Committee

Community Partners

State Delegation

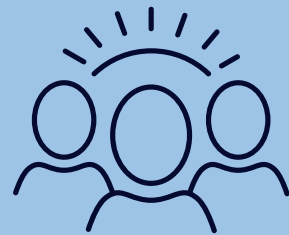
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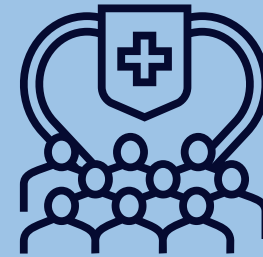
PROTECTION OF
COMMUNITY
INTERESTS



ECONOMIC &
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



PUBLIC HEALTH &
SAFETY



INFRASTRUCTURE
& RESILIENCY

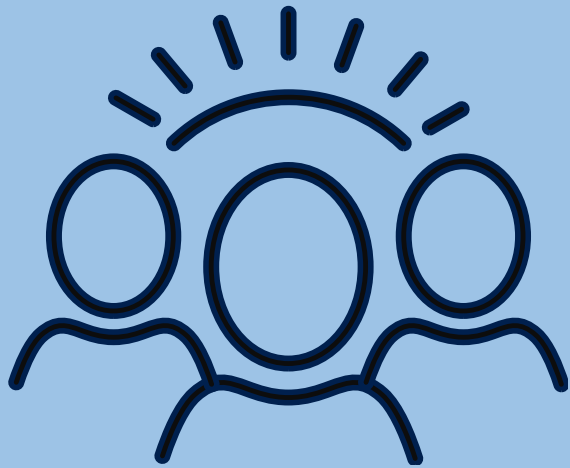


PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS



The City's overarching legislative priority is to preserve the voice of the community and maintain a fiscally sound and well-managed organization to allow for continued high quality services to our residents and local businesses.

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Planning now to ensure that the City is prepared for growth in a way that is compatible with the community's vision.

This vision includes a strong local economy, an educated and trained workforce, and the availability of quality affordable housing.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY



San Antonio's healthcare mission through the *SA Forward Plan* is to protect and improve the health of our community so that all people thrive in healthy, safe, communities.

INFRASTRUCTURE & RESILIENCY



Expanding infrastructure is needed to create a sustainable and resilient future for San Antonio.

The Digital Equity Plan, SA Tomorrow Plan, and SA Climate Ready Plan, provide a framework to make smart, strategic investments.

PARTNERSHIPS

The City of San Antonio coordinates with local 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.

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



QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?



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LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Support legislation that would benefit the City and the continued ability of local elected officials – the level of government closest to the people – to pass ordinances to meet the unique needs 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.



LOCAL GOVERNANCE

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.

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

Propose legislation that gives the San Antonio Municipal Court the flexibility to electronically record and preserve records, efficiencies enjoyed by many other municipal court systems in Texas, as codified in state law.



MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

Support legislation that protects the municipal utility model and opposes legislation with any negative impact on municipally-owned CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System (SAWS).



MILITARY CITY, U.S.A.®

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.

Oppose legislation that threatens military missions, including legislation that undermines the City's ordinances that ensure that current and future development is compatible with Joint Base San Antonio installations.



PROPERTY TAX RELIEF & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Support legislation to provide meaningful property tax relief through increased state funding for public education, which reduces the burden on local taxpayers, and tax policies that target those most in need.

Support legislation that empowers local governments to remove barriers to housing for low-income families and increases the local affordable housing stock.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Support the continued viability of San Antonio to attract business and compete for major sporting events and conventions that grow the local and state economy.

Support the continuation of local and state incentives to supplement local economic development strategies to recruit and retain employers.

Support additional funding to the Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIP) and the protection of the current TMIIP Guidelines.



WORKFORCE & EDUCATION

Support legislation that invests in educational and job placement programs to provide support for our growing workforce to complement the City's voter-approved workforce initiative, SA Ready to Work, to include veterans and military spouses.

Support legislation that enhances an effective and sustainable education system from early childhood to higher education.



HEALTHCARE & NUTRITION

Support legislation that improves access to reproductive healthcare, provides supportive services for the health and safety of mothers and children, and eliminates barriers to healthcare services for all San Antonians.

Support Medicaid expansion to provide health insurance to low-income Texans.



HEALTHCARE & NUTRITION

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.

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



VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Support responsible firearm safety policies additional resources to help mitigate gun violence in our community.

Support efforts to prevent and eliminate domestic violence and enhance the protection of survivors/victims.



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



TRANSPORTATION

Support legislation that addresses the San Antonio region's rapid population growth and reduces congestion; and ensures a continued and fair allocation of state transportation funding.

Support legislation that would enhance pedestrian safety and continue to support safety initiatives, such as *Vision Zero*.



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

