



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Government Affairs

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Sally Basurto

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Federal Legislative Program for the 118th U.S. Congress.

**SUMMARY:**

Briefing on the City of San Antonio's proposed Federal Legislative Program for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The United States Congress' 118th Session begins on January 3, 2023 and ends on January 3, 2025. Prior to each congressional session, Government Affairs (GA) develops a legislative program with City Council input and approval. The program provides direction and guides the City's advocacy with members of the San Antonio Congressional Delegation, key members of Congress, federal agencies, and the administration.

Development of the City of San Antonio's new Federal Legislative Program for the 118th Congress began in July 2022 in collaboration with City Departments and the City's federal consultant team. The selected priorities are drawn from the City's various strategic plans previously approved by City Council, such as the SA Forward Plan, Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and Digital Equity Plan, and developed in consultation with City departments,

federal consultants, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the San Antonio Congressional Delegation and community partners. The proposed Federal Legislative Program includes the priorities and issues developed with input from the Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) Committee. The IGR committee was briefed on the proposed program on November 28, 2022.

The federal program is designed to be strategic and impactful, align with the priorities of the San Antonio community and help advance a resilient and sustainable city infrastructure.

The proposed Federal Legislative Program is comprised of the following pillars:

- **Infrastructure, Resiliency & Transportation** – Support for programs and additional funding to enhance and improve San Antonio infrastructure, including the San Antonio International Airport and program included within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.
- **Housing** – Support for tax credits and programs to improve the availability of affordable housing, including programs to support the homeless population.
- **Workforce & Training** – Supporting the reauthorization and funding of workforce, education, and training programs.
- **Public Health & Human Services** – Supporting the reauthorization and funding of programs that reduce food insecurity, increase access to healthcare, provide humanitarian relief to migrants, and address domestic violence.
- **Economic & Community Development** – Support for funding to invest in technology, manufacturing, historic buildings, and legislative initiatives to expand air service at SAT.
- **Military Protection** – Enhance retention and military readiness in San Antonio and support to ease access to care at military medical installations.
- **Public Safety** – Support for programs and additional funding for programs to help reduce crime and prepare San Antonio against natural and man-made disasters.

#### **ISSUE:**

The 118th Congress begins on January 3, 2023. It is City Council policy to develop a legislative program for each congress that aligns with Council priorities to guide the City's advocacy efforts.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

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#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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