



# City of San Antonio 118th Federal Legislative Program

City Council A Session – January 26, 2023  
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**THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVES A  
FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM  
TO GUIDE STAFF AND  
CONSULTANTS IN THEIR  
ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF  
THE CITY BEFORE CONGRESS, THE  
ADMINISTRATION, AND FEDERAL  
AGENCIES.**

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# TIMELINE

**NOVEMBER 28**

IGR Committee Briefing

**DECEMBER/JANUARY**

Individual Briefings

**JANUARY 3**

118<sup>th</sup> Congress – First Session Begins

**JANUARY 11**

B Session Briefing

**JANUARY 26**

A Session Approval



# PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

## Government Affairs

City Departments

Consultant Team

IGR Committee

City Council

Community Partners

Delegation

# STRUCTURE OF 118<sup>TH</sup> FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## SEVEN PILLARS

INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCY & TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

WORKFORCE & TRAINING

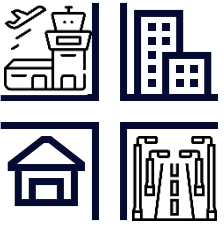
PUBLIC HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MILITARY PROTECTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

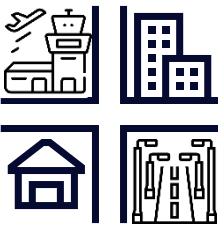
# INFRASTRUCTURE, RESILIENCY & TRANSPORTATION



Support and advocate for the receipt of federal funding approved by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and other appropriations legislation to expand and improve transportation and military infrastructure, transit, aviation, and other infrastructure necessary to meet the continued growth of San Antonio and prepare the community for the impacts of climate change. **NEW**

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Support funding and agency rules that ensure all San Antonio residents have access to fast, reliable, and affordable internet regardless of provider, geographic location, socioeconomic status, age, or other demographic characteristics.



Support initiatives in the FAA Reauthorization, including: an increase in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding and greater flexibility for the use of AIP funds; raising or eliminating the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) cap of \$4.50; maintaining or increasing funding for the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) Program.

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Support Congressional efforts to secure a nonstop flight from San Antonio International Airport to Washington Reagan National Airport (SAT-DCA).

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# HOUSING



Support the enhancement and expansion of housing tax credits, such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) to target affordable housing to those most in need. Advocate for the creation of new tax credit programs targeted at renters and middle-income households.

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Support increased funding and expansion of housing and community development programs, including the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program, Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), housing vouchers, and homeless assistance programs.

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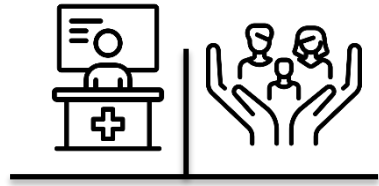
Support funding and programs for renter support services, including legal services and eviction protections. **NEW**



# WORKFORCE & TRAINING



Support reauthorization and funding for workforce, education and training programs, including apprenticeship programs and workforce programs that target historically disadvantaged populations.



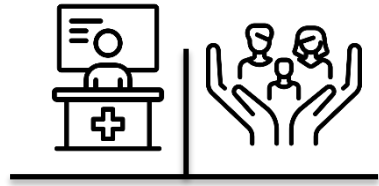
Support the reauthorization and significant funding for the Child Nutrition Act and Farm Bill to enhance programs that reduce food insecurity in the community. **NEW**

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Support legislation that enhances the health outcomes of disadvantaged communities by improving access to care and focusing on social determinants of health. **NEW**

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Support congressional action that enables undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to earn lawful status.



Support Congressional action that provides continued funding to support nonprofits and local governments providing humanitarian assistance to migrant families. **NEW**

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Support policies and funding for programs to prevent domestic violence and provide intervention services for people of all ages.

# ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Support funding for programs that invest in technology innovation for manufacturing, supply chains, and research and development. **NEW**

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Support Historic Tax Credit (HTC) enhancements that help drive economic development through the restoration and reuse of historic buildings and reauthorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), which funds State and Local actions to carry out the National Historic Preservation Act.

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# MILITARY PROTECTION



Support legislative language that reduces the financial burden of civilians served at military Medical Treatment Facilities. **NEW**

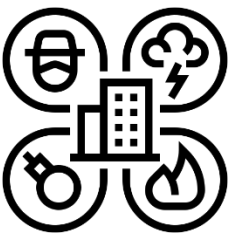
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Support expansion of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program to make military spouses an eligible target group. **NEW**

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Sustain and enhance Joint Base San Antonio's (JBSA) mission readiness and ensure the long-term protection of the region's military bases by helping to preserve, protect, and grow military missions – such as those engaged in the space domain, military medicine, and cyber components – and installations in the San Antonio region.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



Support expanded funding dedicated to supporting public safety, lowering crime, and enhancing transparency, engagement and accountability through traditional and emerging grant programs, domestic violence prevention, anti-trafficking/anti-smuggling programs, office training and equipment programs.

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Support programs and increased funding to promote a multijurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach to regional prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and resiliency from a terrorist attack or natural disaster, such as FEMA's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), Regional Catastrophic Planning Grant Program (RCPGP), and the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

## PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS



The City's overarching goal is to support federal regulations and legislation that benefits the City and its residents and oppose any regulations and legislation that would be adverse to the City and residents.

# 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 Food Bank
- o San Antonio Mobility Coalition
- o San Antonio River Authority
- o VIA
- o Visit SA





# QUESTIONS?

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