



City of Dallas

Consideration of Legislative Priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature

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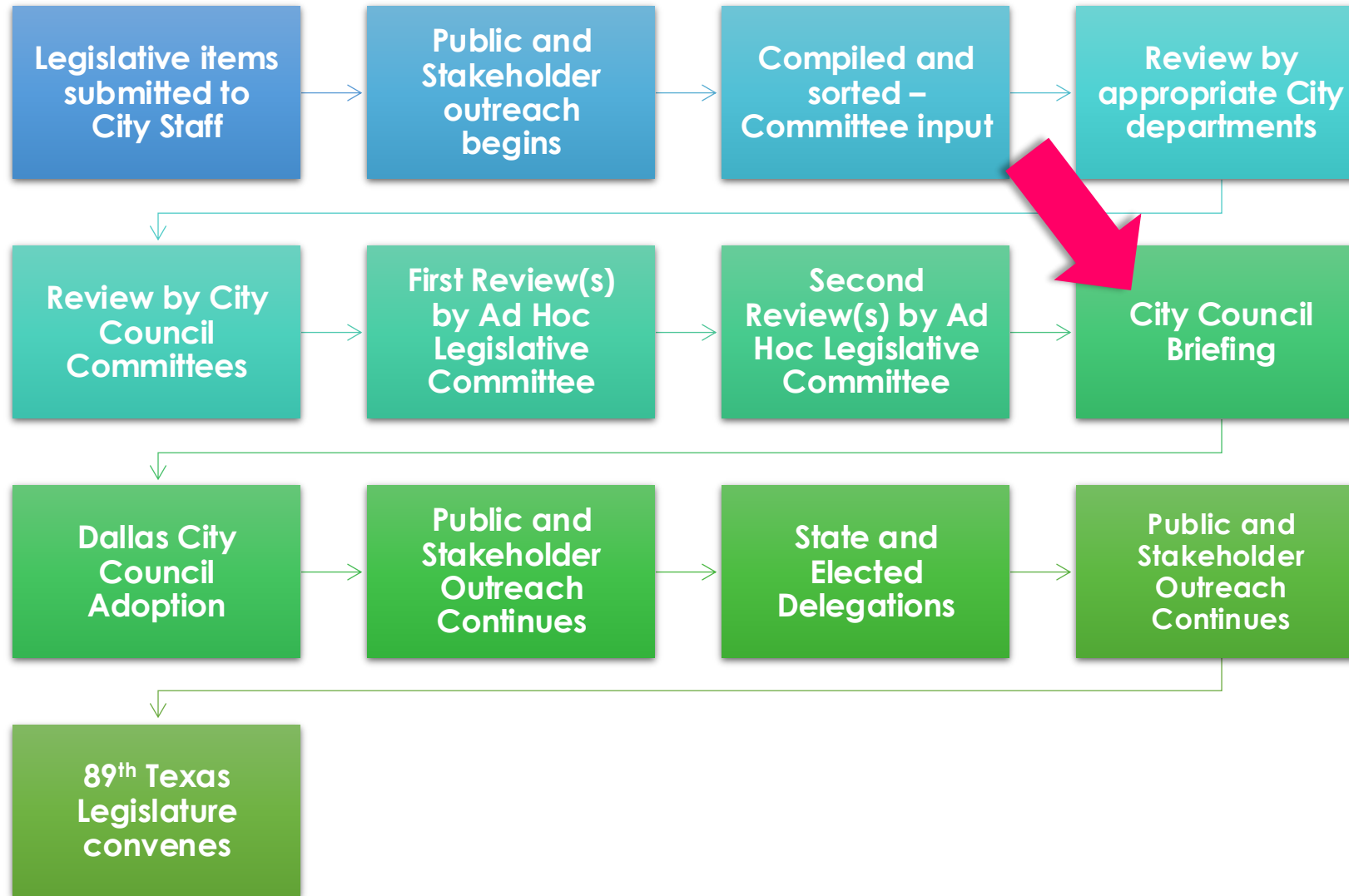
Overview



- Internal process for legislative priorities
- Stakeholder engagement
- Timeline of actions
- *Submitted State* legislative items for consideration
- Staff recommended legislative program – **OPTIONS**
- State team
- Key dates
- Next steps



Internal Process for Legislative Priorities



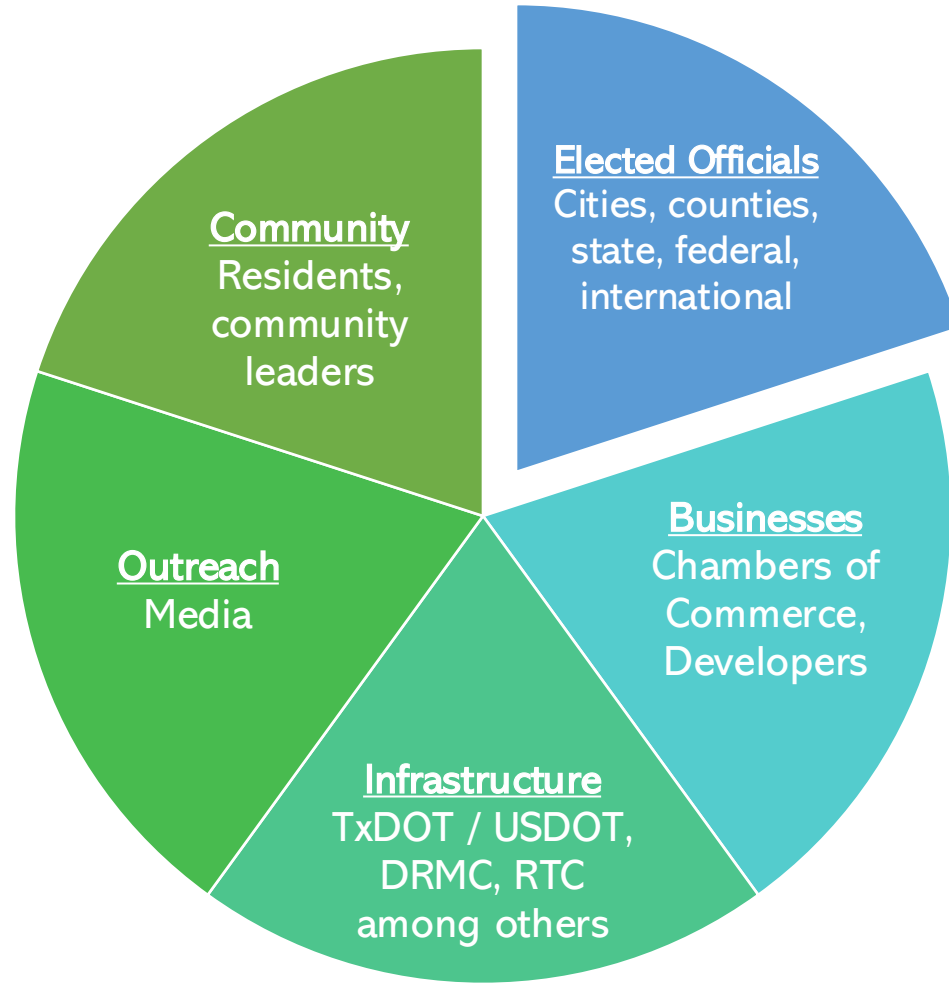
Collaboration



Connection



Elected and Appointed Officials (local, state, federal, international)
 Residents via Council offices
 Peer departments
 Apartment Association / Greater Dallas
 Collin County
 Dallas County
 Dallas Black Chamber
 Dallas Black Realtors
 Dallas Builders Association
 Dallas ISD and other local ISDs
 Dallas Regional Chamber
 DART
 DFW Airport
 Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
 Denton County
 Downtown Dallas Inc.
 Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce
 East Dallas Chamber



Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
 Habitat for Humanity
 Housing Forward
 LGBT Chamber of Commerce
 Metroplex Mayors
 MetroTex Realtors
 North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
 North Texas Commission
 NTTA
 Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce
 Police and Fire Associations
 Regional Hispanic Contractors
 Regional Transportation Council
 The Real Estate Council
 TxDOT
 U.S. India Chamber of Commerce
 Visit Dallas
 World Affairs Council



Communication / Actions Related to Consideration of Legislative Priorities



Date	Briefing
September 11, 2023	Initial call for legislative priorities to be submitted by City Council, staff and stakeholders (OGA)
September 18, 2023	Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
October 23, 2023	Government Performance and Financial Management Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
October 31, 2023	Additional communication to stakeholders on call for legislative priorities (infographics) (OGA)
November 13, 2023	Public Safety Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
November 14, 2023	Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
December 4, 2023	Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities: Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability and the Environmental Commission (Memorandum-OGA)



Communication / Actions Related to Consideration of Legislative Priorities



Date	Briefing
December 11, 2023	Draft list of submitted State and Federal 2025 legislative priorities shared with external stakeholders (OGA)
December 5, 2023	Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
December 11, 2023	Public Safety Committee 2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Public Safety (Memorandum-OGA)
December 11, 2023	Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)
December 11, 2023	Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Review of 2025 Legislative Priorities to Date (Briefing-OGA)
December 12, 2023	Government Performance and Financial Management Committee <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Fiscal Stewardship (Memorandum-OGA)</i>
December 15, 2023	City Council Committees' Legislative Priorities Deadline



Communication / Actions Related to Consideration of Legislative Priorities



Date	Briefing
January 9, 2024	Economic Development Committee Economic Development Committee Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities (Memorandum-OGA)
May 7, 2024	Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (OGA) <i>2025 Federal Legislative Priorities and Overview of the Process</i>
May 10, 2024	Memo to Mayor and City Council regarding next steps on 2025 Federal legislative priorities (OGA)
May 21, 2024	Draft 2025 Federal legislative priorities distributed to Directors (OGA)
May 28, 2024	Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (CAO)
June 3, 2024	Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee <i>2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities: Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability and the Environmental Commission (Memorandum-CAO)</i>
June 10, 2024	Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-CAO)</i>
June 17, 2024	Transportation and Infrastructure Committee <i>Postponed to August 19, 2024 (Postponed-TBD)</i>



Communication / Actions Related to Consideration of Legislative Priorities



Date	Briefing
June 21, 2024	Communication to Mayor and City Council regarding next steps on 2025 Federal and State legislative priorities (OGA)
June 24, 2024	Communication to directors regarding next steps on 2025 Federal and State legislative priorities (OGA)
June 24, 2024	Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-CAO)</i>
June 24, 2024	Government Performance and Financial Management Committee <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Fiscal Stewardship (Briefing-CAO)</i>
June 25, 2024	Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee <i>Review January 2024 QOL memo and receive additional 2025 priorities (Briefing-CAO and OGA)</i>
August 12, 2024	Workforce, Education and Equity Committee <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
August 19, 2024	Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Memo-OGA)</i>
August 27, 2024	Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (OGA) <i>Affirm May 7th draft 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities and Consider 2025 State Legislative Priorities</i>



Communication



- **Bilingual communication to engage members of community in coordination with City Council offices**
- **Outreach meetings year-round with legislators and stakeholders**
- **Planned engagement once programs adopted**
 - ❑ Offer meetings/presentations to stakeholders (Chambers, etc.)
 - ❑ Coordination with partners
 - ❑ Optional townhalls with CMs (at Councilmember's request)



Determining State Priorities



- Committees requested to consider and advance potential legislative priorities (see Appendix for dates)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs advanced to full City Council for consideration and final adoption
- Program should be adaptable
- Considerations
 - Legislative / delegation priorities (support, monitor, pursue, oppose)
 - Balancing the asks (wants, needs, nice-to-have)
 - Political environment (elections, current events)
 - Unforeseen circumstances



TML Suggestions for City Officials



1. There is a practical limit to what the League – or any group – can accomplish in any legislative session.
2. TML will expend the vast majority of its resources killing bad bills. This has always been so and will probably always be the case.
3. It is unlikely that any other interest group in the state monitors and opposes as many bills as the Texas Municipal League.
4. Unfortunately, the number of bad city-related bills grows almost every year.
5. Given the League’s finite resources, and because vast amounts of those resources are necessarily expended in defeating bad legislation, the League must very carefully select bills that it will support or for which it will attempt to seek passage. Thus, it is important to advocate only those initiatives that are truly important and that have a realistic chance of passage.

Year	Total Bills Introduced*	Total Bills Passed	City-Related Bills Introduced	City-Related Bills Passed
2003	5754	1621	1200+	110+
2005	5369	1397	1200+	105+
2007	6374	1495	1200+	120+
2009	7609	1468	1500+	120+
2011	6303	1410	1500+	160+
2013	6061	1437	1700+	220+
2015	6476	1329	1600+	220+
2017	6800	1220	2000+	290+
2019	7541	1437	2000+	330+
2021	6927	1073	2000+	240+
2023	8344	1258	1800+	230

*Includes bills and proposed Constitutional amendments; regular sessions only.





State Legislative Items Submitted by City Council Committees, Staff and Stakeholders



Overarching Themes / State and Federal



Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community; harmonize responsibilities and resources



Promote a business-friendly environment to attract economic development and talent



Pursue funding for public safety, critical infrastructure, and natural resources



Support vulnerable populations and oppose any legislation that would erode existing protections



Economic Development



Support legislation that promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities for Dallas.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
EDS1. Expand business opportunities to grow the tax base and generate revenue streams for city priorities, including but not limited to authorization, licensing, and regulation of casino gaming and sports wagering in this state	State	Approved June '24 Memo *GPFM Duplicate*
EDS2. Ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent	State	Approved June '24 Memo
ED3. Support property tax relief for Dallas residents	State	Approved June '24 Memo



Economic Development



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
EDS4. Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
EDS5. Prioritize broadband connectivity for all residents	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
EDS6. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Government Performance & Financial Management



Support legislation that allows the City to maintain local control, deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
GPS1. Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations	State	Approved June '24 Memo *PS Duplicate*
GPS2. Seek restructuring of municipal DART sales tax contributions	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS3. Require mandatory disclosure of residential and commercial real estate prices	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS4. Support legislation to ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent	State	Approved June '24 Memo



Government Performance & Financial Management



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
GPS5. Establish a database of homestead exemptions	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS6. Preserve local authority to collect franchise fee revenues	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS7. Expand options for publication of legal notices	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS8. Clarify the local government procurement process to include price consideration of purchasing goods	State	Approved June '24 Memo



Government Performance & Financial Management



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
GPS9. Amend Government Code Chapter 2274 regarding prohibition from service contracts with institutions that have policies that may restrict gun or ammunition sales and fossil fuels investments	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS10. Support flexibility for local government election dates	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS11. Support legislation to authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections	State	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS12. Expand opportunities to grow the tax base and generate revenue for city priorities and obligations, including but not limited to, authorization, licensing, and regulation of casino gaming, sports wagering, and card rooms in the state	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *ECO Duplicate*



Government Performance & Financial Management



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
GPS13. Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS14. Fund Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives that will reduce city expenses and support efficient city services	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
GPS15. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control.	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Housing and Homeless Solutions



Support legislation that promotes housing affordability, stability and preservation.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
HHS1. Enhance residential and commercial protections against squatting	State	Approved June '24 Memo
HHS2. Preserve tools for seniors to age in place and preserve homeownership	State	Approved June '24 Memo
HHS3. Remove barriers to growing the housing stock, including the availability of condos	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
HHS4. Protect tenant “bill of rights” and right to cure period during eviction process	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Housing and Homeless Solutions



Support legislation that promotes housing affordability, stability and preservation.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
HHS5. Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
HHS6. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Parks, Trails and Environment



Support legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PTES1. Strengthen the state's electricity grid	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PTES2. Amend existing legislation to capture a portion of the short-term car rental tax for parks and trails improvements	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PTES3. Increase funding for open green spaces, such as parks and urban trails	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
PTES4. Support, green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Parks, Trails and Environment



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
<p>PTES5. Increase incentives for technology that protects our residents and business from harsher weather, such as weatherization, energy efficient technology, and solar and solar battery storage</p>	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
<p>PTES6. Advance the deployment of – and infrastructure – for cleaner and more sustainable equipment such as electric vehicles and electric/battery-powered landscape equipment</p>	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
<p>PTES7. Ensure increased collaboration between state and federal agencies, local governments, and residents during permitting processes to ensure that all communities, particularly historically disadvantaged communities, are protected from environmental hazards</p>	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Parks, Trails and Environment



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PTES8. Support green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
PTES9. Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Public Safety



Support legislation that provides additional resources for local government law enforcement agencies.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PSS1. Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations	State	Approved June '24 Memo *GPFM Duplicate*
PSS2. Create a definition for less lethal devices in the Texas Penal Code to ensure law enforcement agencies may utilize the latest and greatest life-saving technologies available	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD and Committee Item*
PSS3. Properly align responsibilities and seek funding for school crossing guard programs	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS4. Seek funding for emergency protection equipment accidents in high-density areas	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS5. Consider establishing the Department of Public Safety as the primary first responder on state highways	State	Approved June '24 Memo



Public Safety



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PSS6. Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS7. Expand Baby Moses Law Age	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS8. Amend the Public Information act to exempt preliminary recommendations derived from early warning software platforms designed to support proactive employee intervention	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS9. Pursue legislation that would allow municipalities to designate roadways as a High Injury Network (HIN) roadway	State	Approved June '24 Memo



Public Safety



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PSS10. Authorize municipalities to install automated speed safety cameras to reduce motor vehicle accidents and fatalities	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS11. Streamline the out of state lateral transfer process for peace officers	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS12. Authorize local law enforcement agencies to conduct driving while intoxicated checkpoints to combat the prevalence of drunk driving, motor vehicle accidents, and fatalities	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS13. Request funding to fund a Weed & Seed Program in the City of Dallas	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS14. Request funding for a childcare center at the new Dallas Police Training Facility	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*



Public Safety



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PSS15. Create a 10-Year minimum sentence for aggravated assault on a peace officer	State	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS16. Adopt a statewide minimum cash bail schedule for eligible violent felonies and mandate the revocation of bail of defendants arrested for any violent felony while the defendant is awaiting trial on a previously charged violent felony	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*
PSS17. Mandate that judges order participation from high-risk violent offenders in Focused Deterrence Programs as a condition of probation or parole	State	Approved June '24 Memo *DPD Item*



Public Safety



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
PSS18. Support additional prevention, protections, and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and abusers	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS19. Increase funding for re-entry services	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *WEE Committee Duplicate*
PSS20. Protect constitutional home-rule authority	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
PSS21. <u>Support legislation aimed at mitigating theft of communications facilities of copper, fiber and other necessary equipment needed to ensure customer access to vital emergency communications services</u>	State	ADCLA 8/24 Committee



Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture



Support legislation that fosters clean and appealing neighborhoods while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
QOLS1. Ensure Dallas receives its fair share of revenue that may be generated as a result of gambling if authorized by state law	State	Approved June '24 Memo
QOLS2. Support access to a vibrant and diverse collection of materials and resources that represent the interests and needs of all residents of Dallas.	State	Approved June '24 Memo Language Modified to support legislative intent.
QOLS3. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
QOLS4. Reduce barriers to existing opioid and related epidemic response tools, treatment, and overdose prevention	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
QOLS5. Support legislation that promotes proper mental and physical healthcare for all	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *WEE Committee Duplicate*
QOLS6. Support the legalization of marijuana	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
QOLS7. Seek additional funding to research and measure the impairment effects of marijuana	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
QOLS8. Increase funding for the Texas Commission on the Arts Program	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
QOLS9. Increase funding for the Texas State and Library Archives Commission relating to technology and digital inclusion	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo



Transportation and Infrastructure



Support legislation that protects and enhances the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative, safe, and equitable solutions.

Item	State/Federal	Notes
TRNS1. Permit greater flexibility in lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS2. Permit roadway signage identifying High-Injury Network areas and allow municipalities to add a surcharge either fixed or % to regular citations	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS3. Clarify Texas Local Government code to improve the competitive bid process for public works projects	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS4. Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS5. Pursue legislation to set and enforce standards for the conditions and maintenance of state highways and adjacent properties	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee

Transportation and Infrastructure



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Item	State/Federal	Notes
TRNS6. TxDOT to pay in full annually for mowing, cleaning, sweeping, their right of way as well as funding for cleanup up for encampments in overpasses and/or hardening/fencing	State	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS7. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN
TRNS8. Support funding for new technology use for traffic control systems and upgrades of antiquated equipment	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN
TRNS9. Support legislation, if needed, for high-speed rail, street cars and other potential new transportation and related funding	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN



Transportation and Infrastructure



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Item	State/Federal	Notes
TRNS10. Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN Committee
TRNS11. Support legislation that guarantees transparency in utility operations, ensures reliable service delivery to all consumers, and creates sustainable communities	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN
TRNS12. Support mobility safety enhancements outlined in the City's Vision Zero Plan	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN
TRNS13. Work with regional, state and federal agencies to address programs and funding strategies for the maintenance, repair and renewal of water, wastewater and storm drainage systems	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN
TRNS14. Enhance & fund mobility infrastructure	State/ Federal	First review 8/27 Deferred from June 24' TRN



Workforce, Education and Equity



Support legislation that ensures Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Item	State/ Federal	Notes
WEES1. Protect immunization requirements for vulnerable populations	State	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES2. Protect and strengthen the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman	State	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES3. Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infant, and Children Program benefits	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES4. Support legislation that protects whistleblowers and maintains ethical standards and accountability in the workplace	State/Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *Updated language suggested by WEE Committee



Workforce, Education and Equity



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
WEES5. Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES6. Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including youth, LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES7. Support legislation to eliminate criminal history inquiries during hiring process	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES8. Support post incarceration programs and re-entry services	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *PS Committee Duplicate*



Workforce, Education and Equity



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
WEES9. Support legislation that expands resources to foster and post foster children	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES10. Support legislation that promotes proper and mental physical health care for all	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo *QOL Committee Duplicate*
WEES11. Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES12. Support funding for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses	State/ Federal	Approved June '24 Memo
WEES13. Support for Public School Funding to only support Public Schools (lobby with partnership thru school districts)	State	Approved August '24 Memo



Workforce, Education and Equity



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Item	State/ Federal	Notes
WEES14. Support amendments to SB4 that increase funding options for local governments	State	Approved August '24 Memo
WEES15. Support for Higher Education and removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion prohibitions	State	Approved August '24 Memo
WEES16. Support for Child Care access and funding	State/ Federal	Approved August '24 Memo
WEES17. Support for fight against Fentanyl and other addictive drugs	State/ Federal	Approved August '24 Memo *QOL Committee Duplicate*
WEE18. Support for restrictions on evictions and other housing issues	State/ Federal	Approved August '24 Memo *WEE Committee Duplicate*





Staff Recommended State Legislative Program Options



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 1



Support legislation that provides additional tools for local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety for residents and businesses

- ❑ Increase protections, **support** and resources to prevent domestic violence and human trafficking, **and support for survivors.**
- ❑ Grow and retain our public safety workforce.
- ❑ Define the use for Less Lethal Devices in the Texas Penal Code to ensure law enforcement agencies may utilize innovative life-saving technologies.
- ❑ Authorize local law enforcement agencies to conduct driving while intoxicated checkpoints to combat the prevalence of drunk driving, motor vehicle accidents, and fatalities.
- ❑ Request Weed & Seed Program funding for the City of Dallas.



Public Safety is the top priority for Dallas.

Support legislation that ensures tenant protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement.

- ❑ Grow the housing stock and preserve **and expand** tools for seniors to age in place and preserve homeownership.
- ❑ Enhance residential and commercial protections against squatting.
- ❑ Protect tenant rights and right to cure period during eviction process.
- ❑ Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.



Housing stability and affordability must be within reach for all residents of Dallas.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 1



Support legislation that promotes job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and support the growth of small business enterprises

- ❑ Expand business opportunities to grow the tax base and **ensure Dallas receives its fair share of revenue that may be generated as a result of gambling if authorized by state law.**
- ❑ Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises.
- ❑ Expand broadband connectivity for all residents.
- ❑ Support property tax relief for all residents.

Economic vibrancy and workforce investment are essential to the future of Dallas.



Support legislation that allows the City to deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.

- ❑ Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control.
- ❑ Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data.
- ❑ Seek restructuring of municipal DART sales tax contributions.
- ❑ Include price consideration in government purchasing of goods.
- ❑ Amend local government election dates and authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections.
- ❑ Support the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives that will reduce city expenses and modernize city operations

Effective and efficient governance is at the heart of public service.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 1



Support legislation that protects and enhances the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative, safe, and equitable solutions.

- ❑ **Require a higher standard of safety and maintenance by TxDOT of state highways and adjacent properties.**
- ❑ Pursue tools to further implement the City of Dallas' Vision Zero Mobility Safety Plan.
- ❑ Support transparency in utility operations and ensures reliable service delivery to all consumers for sustainable communities.
- ❑ Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles.

Sustainable and resilient infrastructure drives economic growth in Dallas.



Support legislation that focuses on resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.

- ❑ Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.
- ❑ Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply.
- ❑ Support growth in industries of sustainability and resiliency, including green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, and alternative fueled vehicles.
- ❑ Amend existing legislation to capture a portion of the short-term car rental tax for parks and trails improvements.

Natural resources must be sustained for the residents of Dallas.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 1



Support legislation that fosters community while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.

- ❑ Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.
- ❑ Support access to a vibrant and diverse collection of materials and resources in **Dallas public libraries** that represent the interests and needs of all residents of Dallas.
- ❑ Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all, including participation in Medicaid.
- ❑ Legalize marijuana and seek additional research into the economic, health, and safety effects.

A thriving community enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors.



Support legislation that ensures Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

- ❑ Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, youth, seniors, and refugees.
- ❑ Support post-incarceration programs and re-entry services and eliminate criminal history inquiries on initial employment applications.
- ❑ Expand funding and eligibility, and access for SNAP, WIC, MOW and other nutrition programs.
- ❑ Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services.
- ❑ Expand resources to foster and post foster children.
- ❑ Protect whistleblowers and maintain ethical standards and accountability in the workplace.

Human Rights are the foundation of our Dallas community.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 2



Increase protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors.

Grow and retain our public safety workforce.

Modernize law enforcement tools to include safer technologies.



Expand tools for seniors to age in place and preserve homeownership.

Enhance protections against squatting.

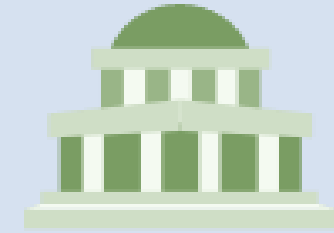
Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities.



Ensure Dallas receives its fair share of revenue that may be generated by gambling, if authorized by state law.

Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline.

Expand broadband connectivity for all residents.



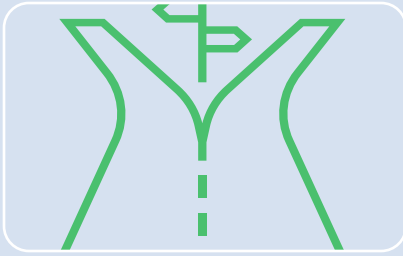
Protect resident and commercial data.

Restructure municipal DART sales tax contributions.

Support a measured approach to use and regulation of Artificial Intelligence.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 2



Pursue tools to implement the City of Dallas' Vision Zero Mobility Safety Plan.

Support transparency in utility operations and ensures reliable service.

Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles.



Support resource sustainability, conservation and environmental justice.

Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.

Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources.

Leverage short-term car rental tax for parks and trails.



Foster community while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities

Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.

Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all.



Ensure Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.

Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities.

Expand funding, eligibility, and access for nutrition programs.



Draft State Legislative Program – Option 3



Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community.



Provide additional tools for local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety for residents and businesses.



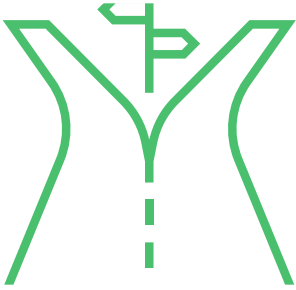
Grow the housing stock and expand tools for housing affordability and accessibility.



Promote job creation and private investment to grow the tax base.



Deliver effective and efficient government services, while being fiscally responsible.



Protect and enhance the City's infrastructure network while continuing to deliver innovative, safe, and equitable solutions.



Support resource sustainability, conservation, climate change, and environmental justice to build a more resilient city.



Foster community while offering recreational, educational, and cultural activities.



Ensure Dallas is a welcoming community for all residents, businesses, and visitors.



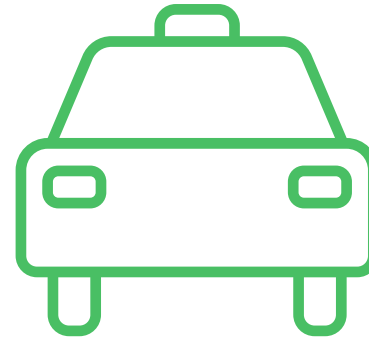
Draft State Legislative Program – Option 4



Maintain local control and preserve tools to respond to the specific needs of the Dallas community



Promote a business-friendly environment to attract economic development and talent



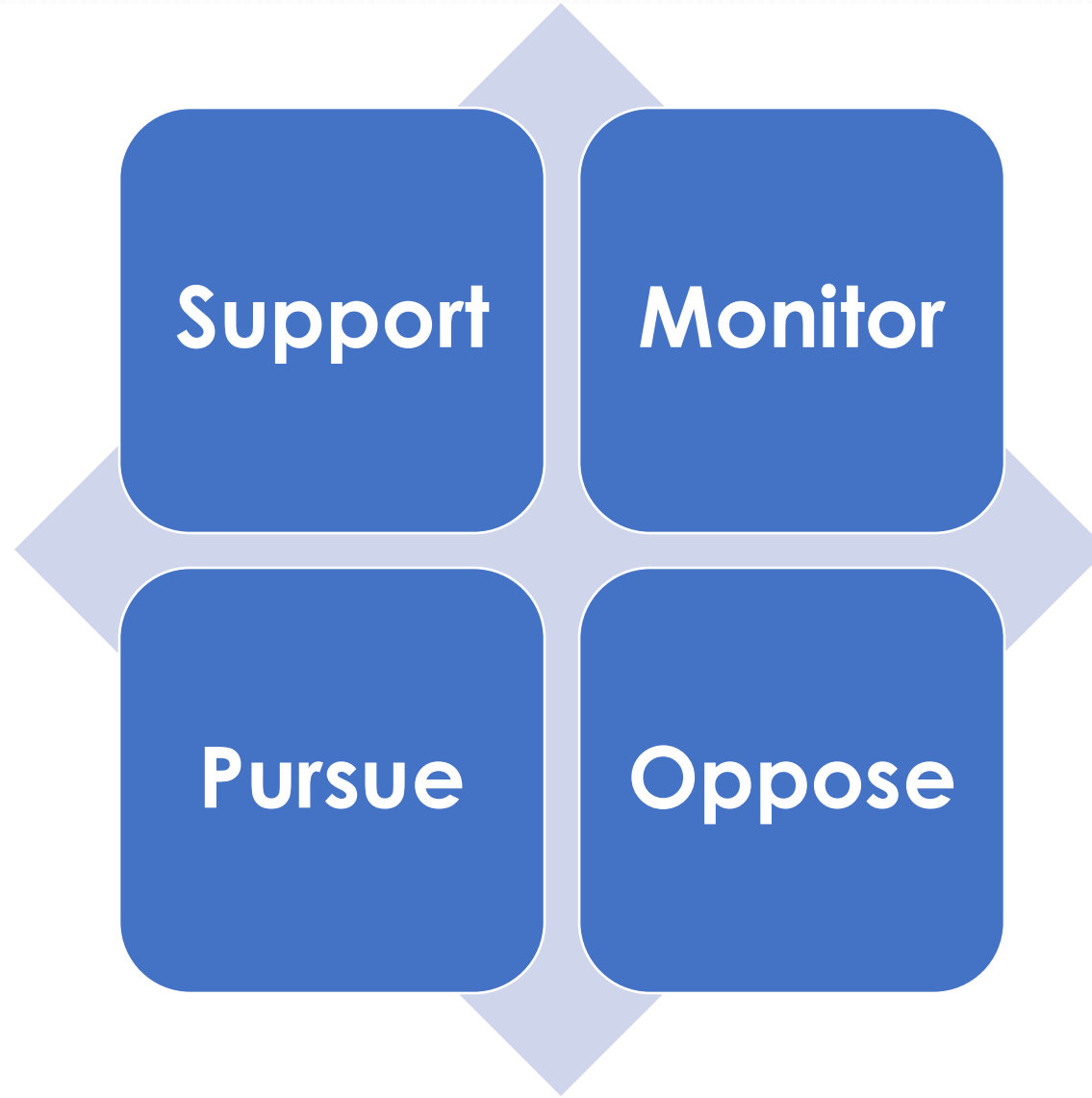
Continue critical funding for public safety, critical infrastructure, and natural resources



Support vulnerable populations and oppose any legislation that would erode existing protections



Decision Points



Key Dates



January 3, 2025
119th Congress convenes

January 6, 2025
Joint Session to count electoral votes and
certify the 2024 presidential election

November 5, 2024
General Election for
Federal, State, and
County Offices

March 14, 2025
89th Texas Legislature bill
filing closes

June 2, 2025
89th Texas Legislature / *Sine Die*

July 1, 2025
City Attorney's Legislative Report
due to City Council and City
Manager

November 11, 2024
First day legislators and
legislators-elect may
file bills for the 89th
Legislature

January 14, 2025
89th Texas Legislature
convenes

March-April 2025
Anticipated
Congressional call for
community project
funding requests

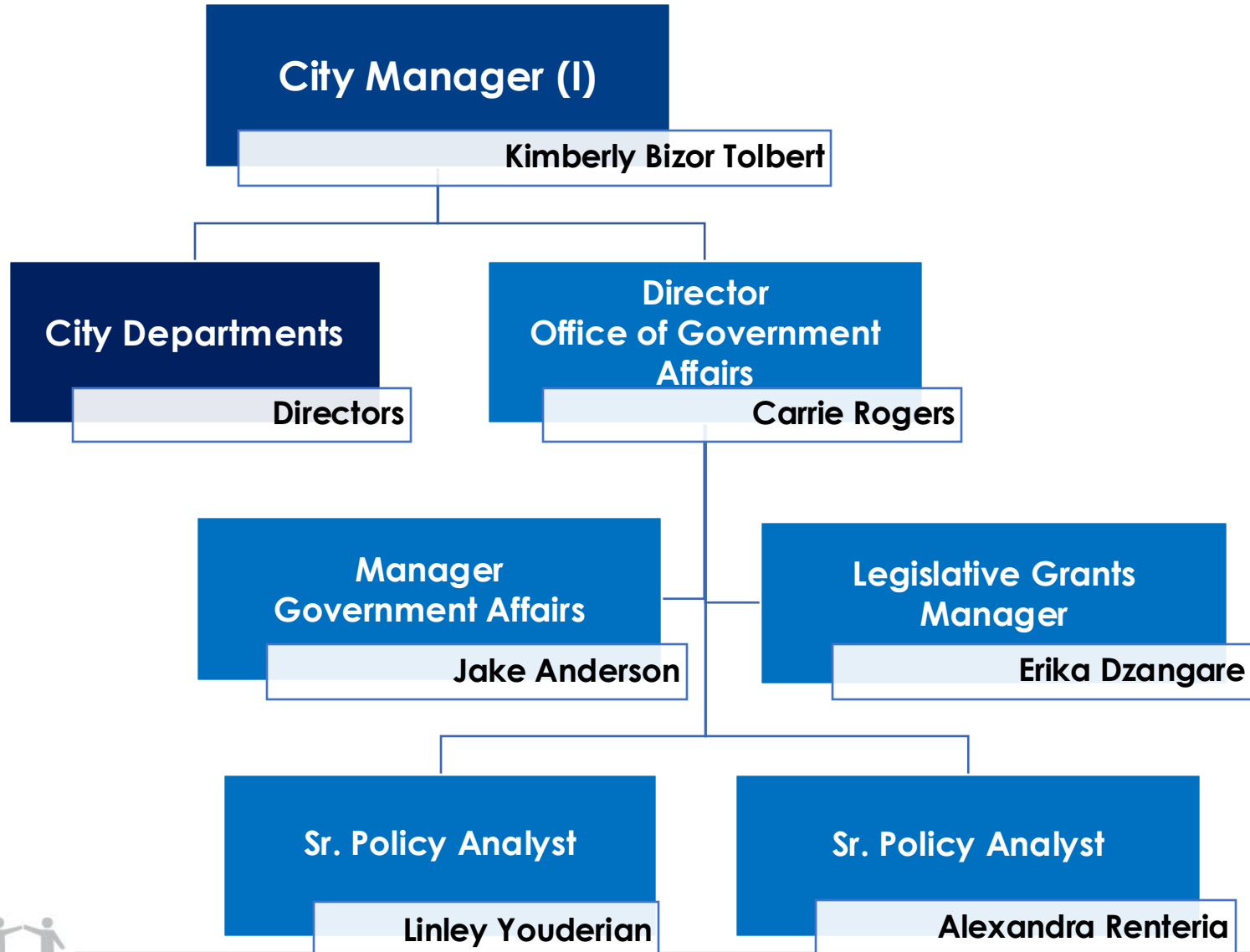
June 22, 2025
Last Day for the
Governor to sign, veto
or allow bill to become
law without signature

October 2025
Congressional
FY 25 begins

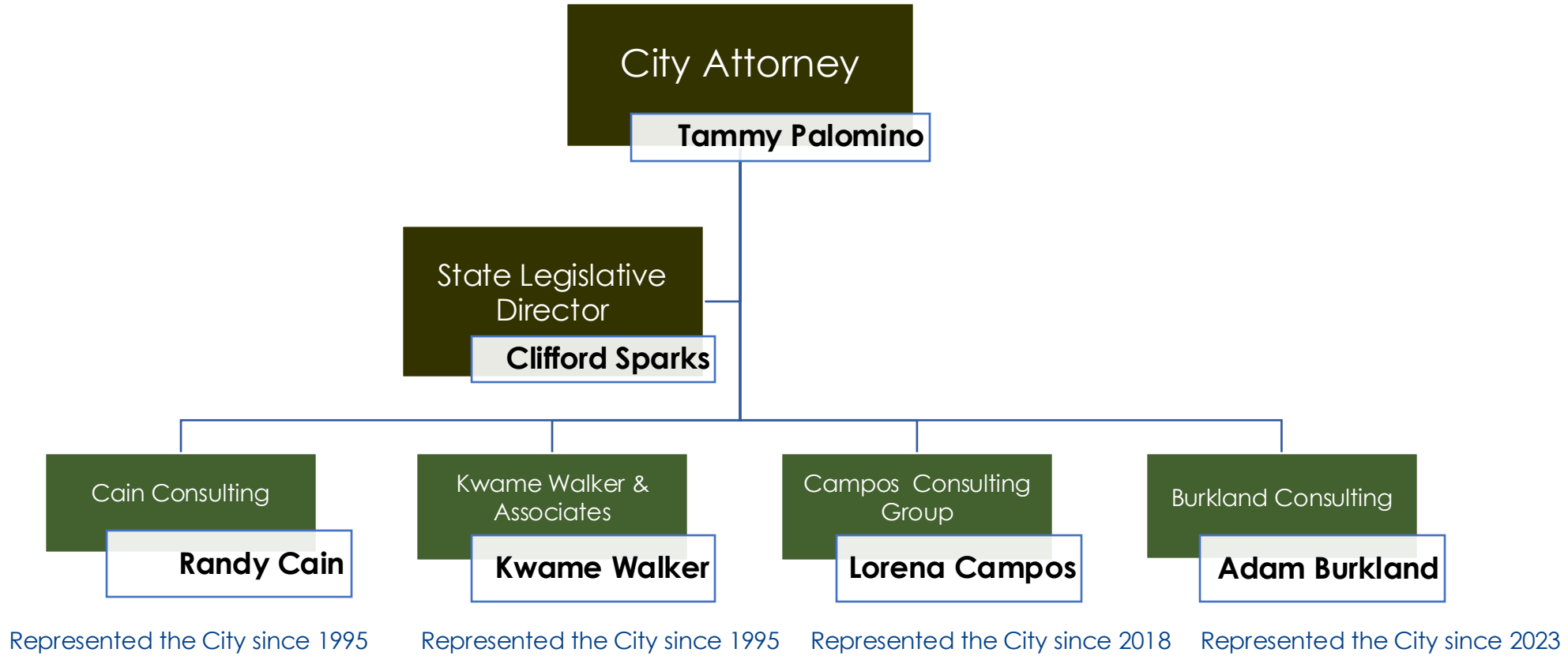
October 1, 2025
Deadline to complete
draft amended
ordinances



Office of the City Manager



Office of the City Attorney



Next Steps



- Receive City Council feedback
- **Refine 2025 state and federal legislative programs incorporating City Council input**
- City Council action anticipated September 25, 2024
- Continue outreach with delegation and stakeholders





City of Dallas

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Appendix A.

Dallas Area Delegation





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Dallas Senate Delegation (88th Session)



Bob Hall (SD-2)	Angela Paxton (SD-8)	Kelly Hancock (SD-9)	Nathan Johnson (SD-16)	Royce West (SD-23)	Drew Springer (SD-30)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration (Chair) • Committee of the Whole Senate • Finance • Health & Human Services • Local Government • Veteran Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee of the Whole Senate • Education • Finance • Local Government • Nominations • State Affairs (Vice Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee of the Whole Senate • Finance • Health & Human Services • Natural Resources & Economic Development • Redistricting, Special • Transportation • Veteran Affairs (Chair) • Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs (Vice Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration Business & Commerce • Committee of the Whole Senate • Jurisprudence (Vice Chair) • Texas Energy Fund Advisory • Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee of the Whole Senate • Education • Subcommittee on Higher Education • Finance • Local Government • Redistricting, Special • Transportation (Vice Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration (Vice Chair) • Committee of the Whole Senate • Education • Subcommittee on Higher Education • Local Government (Vice Chair) • Nominations • Redistricting, Special • Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs



Dallas House Delegation (88th Session)



Candy Noble (HD-89)	Venton Jones (HD-100)	Ana-Maria Ramos (HD-102)	Rafael Anchía (HD-103)	Jessica González (HD-104)	Terry Meza (HD-105)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services • Sustainable Property Tax Relief, Select Study • Ways & Means 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections • Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services • Natural Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Resources • House Administration • Redistricting • State Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Industry • Urban Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Regulation • International Relations & Economic Development
Victoria Neave-Criado (HD-107)	Morgan Meyer (HD-108)	Carl Sherman (HD-109)	Toni Rose (HD-110)	Yvonne Davis (HD-111)	Angie Chen-Button (HD-112)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Industry • County Affairs (Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Property Tax Relief, Select Study (Chair) • Ways & Means (Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections • Land & Resource Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriations • Appropriations - S/C on Article II (Vice Chair) • Calendars (Vice Chair) • Health Care Reform, Select • Human Services (Vice Chair) • Redistricting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence • Transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Relations & Economic Development (Chair) • Securing Texas from Hostile Foreign Organizations, Select • Ways & Means



Dallas House Delegation (88th Session)



Rhetta Bowers (HD-113)	John Bryant (HD-114)	Julie Johnson (HD-115)	Mihaela Plesa (HD-70)	Krona Thimesch (HD-65)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety, Select Criminal Jurisprudence Homeland Security & Public Safety Local & Consent Calendars (Vice Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriations Appropriations - S/C on Article III Appropriations - S/C on Strategic Fiscal Review Pensions, Investments & Financial Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence (Vice Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Relations & Economic Development Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Resolutions Calendars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture & Livestock Appropriations Appropriations - S/C on Article III Resolutions Calendars





Appendix B.

2025 Funding Requests submitted by City Council Committees, Departments



State Funding Requests Submitted During Process



- Dallas Police and Fire Pension
- Seek funding for emergency protection equipment accidents in high-density areas.
- Increase funding for re-entry services.
- Request funding to fund a Weed & Seed Program in the City of Dallas.
- Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and abusers.
- Properly align responsibilities and seek funding for school crossing guard programs.
- Request funding for a childcare center at the new Dallas Police Training Facility.
- Fund Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives that will reduce city expenses and support efficient city services
- Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities
- Increase funding for open green spaces, such as parks and urban trails
- Increase funding for the Texas Cultural Association's Culture District Program
- Support programs and funding strategies for the maintenance, repair and renewal of water, wastewater and storm drainage systems
- Enhance & fund mobility infrastructure (State/Federal)
- Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infant, and Children Program benefits
- Support legislation that expands resources to foster and post foster participants up to age 24
- Support funding for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses

