

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 21, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Quality of Life, Arts and Culture Committee Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities**

Please see attached memo concerning the proposed legislative priorities, dated January 8, 2023, for your consideration.

Clifford Sparks

Clifford Sparks, City Attorney

c: Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor
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TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs

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As the City of Dallas prepares for the 89th Texas Legislature and 119th Congress, both set to convene in 2025, the Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee worked with the Office of Government Affairs and stakeholders to develop the City's legislative programs for consideration.

Preliminary legislative priorities pertaining to quality of life, arts, and culture include:

- Increase funding for the Texas State Library Archives Commission relating to technology and digital inclusion. **(State)**
- Clarify the regulation of public libraries. **(State)**
- Support the legalization of gambling as a revenue generator to fund pension liabilities. **(State)**
- Seek proper funding and resources for the physical and mental healthcare for all residents of Dallas. **(Both)**
- Reduce barriers to sober and supportive housing and medication-assisted treatment. **(Both)**
- Decriminalize the use of fentanyl testing strips. **(Both)**
- Increase funding for the Texas Cultural Association's Culture District Program. **(Both)**
- Support legislation that promotes proper mental and physical healthcare for all. **(Both)**
- Support the legalization of marijuana. **(Both)**

In addition to the items above, we urge legislative efforts include maintaining existing funding streams at both the state and federal levels. We know additional items may arise between now and the start of the next legislative session, and we understand City Councilmembers can bring forward items as desired through the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs at any time.

Should you have any questions or comments please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Government Affairs, at Carrie.Rogers@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Bazaldua'.

Adam Bazaldua

DATE January 9, 2024
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