

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 1, 2024

TO Carrie Rogers, Director, Office of Government Affairs

SUBJECT **Workforce, Education and Equity Committee Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities / Update**

As the City of Dallas continues preparation for the 89th Texas Legislature and 119th Congress, both set to convene in 2025, the Workforce, Education and Equity Committee worked with the Office of Government Affairs and stakeholders to develop the City's legislative programs for consideration.

The Workforce, Education and Equity Committee agenda included a discussion of state and federal legislative priorities on [December 11, 2023](#) and [June 10, 2024](#).

At the request of the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee of Legislative Affairs, a memo dated December 20, 2023, was submitted on behalf of the Workforce, Education and Equity Committee to the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs for consideration in the 2025 state and federal legislative programs.

Following are the items being advanced to the full City Council for consideration at a legislative briefing planned in the fall.

- Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control. **(Both)**
- Protect immunization requirements for vulnerable populations. **(State)**
- Protect and strengthen the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman. **(State)**
- Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees. **(Both)**
- Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services. **(Both)**
- Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infants and Children Program benefits. **(Both)**
- Support funding and resources for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses. **(Both)**
- Support legislation that expands resources for foster and post foster children. **(Both)**
- Support legislation to eliminate criminal history inquiries during hiring process. **(Both)**
- Support post incarceration programs and re-entry services. **(Both)**
- Support legislation that protects workplace safety ethics. **(Both)**
- Support legislation that promotes proper mental and physical healthcare for all. **(Both)**

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- Support for Public School Funding to only support Public Schools (lobby with partnership thru school districts) **(State)**
- Support to specify that funds from the Texas Lottery be used for Public Schools (lobby with partnership thru school districts) **(State)**
- Support amendments to SB4 that increase funding options for local governments **(State)**
- Support for Higher Education and removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion prohibitions **(State)**
- Support for Child Care access and funding **(Both)**
- Support for fight against Fentanyl and other addictive drugs **(Both)**
- Support for restrictions on evictions and other housing issues **(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 regarding state or federal legislative priorities, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Government Affairs, at [Carrie.Rogers@dallas.gov](mailto:Carrie.Rogers@dallas.gov).

Sincerely,

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