



City of Dallas 2025 State Legislative Program

**Maintain local authority
to respond to the unique needs of the Dallas community.**



Ensure provision of pension benefits for uniformed and civilian employees.

Codify the city's funding plan for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.

Monitor funding and oversight relating to pensions.



Provide additional tools for local law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety for Dallas.

Grow and retain our public safety workforce.

Modernize law enforcement tools to include safer technologies.

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



Secure protections for residents at greatest risk of displacement and tools to address affordable housing.

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.

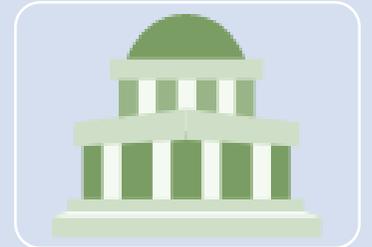


Promote job creation and private investment to grow the tax base and create economic opportunities.

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.



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

Support election date flexibility.

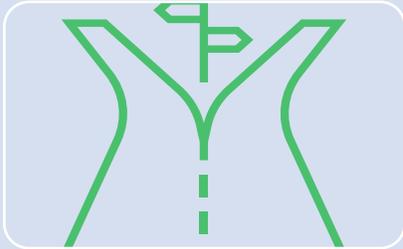
Protect resident and commercial data.

Support measured use and regulation of artificial intelligence.



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

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

Support full funding for DART.

Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability.

Establish regulations for autonomous vehicles.



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

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

Support funding for Dallas parks, trails, and playgrounds.

Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources.



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.

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PURSUE (draft legislation, secure an author, get passed)

1. Maintain local control.
2. Codify the city's funding plan for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System.
3. Define the use for Less Lethal Devices in the Texas Penal Code to ensure law enforcement agencies may use innovative life-saving technologies.
4. Enhance residential and commercial protections against squatting.
5. Pursue legislation to capture a portion of the short-term car rental tax for parks and trails improvements.
6. Pursue legislation to make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic.
7. Pursue 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.
8. Amend local government election dates for municipal elections.
9. Pursue legislation that grants limited law enforcement capabilities to the Office of Inspector General to investigate fraud and corruption.
10. Seek clarity regarding card rooms.

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SUPPORT

1. Maintain local control.
2. Expand broadband connectivity for all residents.
3. Increase protections, support, and resources to prevent domestic violence and human trafficking survivors.
4. Grow the housing stock and preserve home ownership.
5. Protect rights and right to cure period during eviction process.
6. Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises.
7. Support the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) initiatives that reduce city expenses and modernize city operations.
8. Support TxDOT's efforts to improve the safety and cleanliness of state roadways.
9. Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles.
10. Permit flexibility in lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour (*Vision Zero*)
11. Allow municipalities to designate roadways as High Injury Network (HIN) roadways. (*Vision Zero*)

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12. Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability.
13. Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities.
14. Ensure sustainability of the state's natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply.
15. 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.
16. Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, youth, seniors, and refugees.
17. Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all, including participation in Medicaid.
18. Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities.

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1. Monitor funding and oversight relating to pensions.
2. Business opportunities to grow the tax base and ensure Dallas receives its fair share of revenue that may be generated from gambling, if authorized by state law.
3. 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. Workforce, Education, and Equity.
4. Protect whistleblowers and maintain ethical standards and accountability in the workplace.
5. Establish the Department of Public Safety as the primary first responder on state highways.
6. Expand Baby Moses Law age.
7. Authorize local law enforcement agencies to conduct driving while intoxicated checkpoints to combat the prevalence of drunk driving, motor vehicle accidents, and fatalities.
8. Amend the Public Information Act to exempt preliminary recommendations derived from early warning software platforms designed to support proactive employee intervention.
9. Amend statute to include a ten-year minimum sentence for aggravated assault on a peace officer.

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11. 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.
12. Mandate that judges order participation from high-risk violent offenders in focused deterrence programs as a condition of probation or parole.
13. Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data.
14. Require mandatory disclosure of residential and commercial real estate sales prices.
15. Ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent.
16. Establish a database of homestead exemptions.
17. Expand options for publication of legal notices.
18. Clarify the local government procurement process to include price consideration of purchasing goods.
19. Legalize marijuana and seek additional research metrics regarding its economic, health and safety effects.

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OPPOSE

1. Any attempts to erode local control.