

**A Resolution of the City of Plano, Texas, adopting the 2021 Legislative Program for the City of Plano, Texas; directing the City Manager or his designee to act with regard to the City's 2021 Legislative Program; and providing an effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, Legislative activities are ongoing in Congress and the State Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff prepared the recommended 2021 Legislative Program attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the 2021 Legislative Program has been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Plano; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is of the opinion that such 2021 Legislative Program is in the best interest of the City and the Plano community (i.e. residents and businesses), should be adopted, and should be forwarded for consideration by the Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is of the further opinion that the City Manager or his designee should be directed to take action with regard to the 2021 Legislative Program as outlined below.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section I.** The 2021 Legislative Program that is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted and approved as the 2021 Legislative Program for the City of Plano.

**Section II.** The City Manager or his designee is directed to communicate the items included in the 2021 Legislative Program to members of Congress, the Texas Legislature, in general, and/or to the appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others designated by the City Manager.

**Section III.** For those items designated as "support" by the Legislative Committee, the City Manager or his designee is directed to actively pursue passage of the appropriate legislation if it is introduced by some other entity. The City Manager's efforts to obtain passage of the legislation may include drafting appropriate legislation, seeking a sponsor, and actively pursuing passage of such legislation by providing testimony and through other means.

**Section IV.** For those items designated as "oppose" by the Legislative Committee, the City Manager or his designee is directed to attempt to impede the passage of any such legislation.

**Section V.** It is recognized this policy will often be implemented in the context of great numbers of legislative proposals being considered within short time periods. City representatives, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the City consistent with the necessary broad policy concerns set forth in this program.

**Section VI.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of November 2020.**

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Harry LaRosiliere, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY

## **EXHIBIT A**

The 2021 Legislative Program is a guide for City of Plano (“City”) positions and priorities.

The purpose of the City’s legislative efforts is to protect the City’s interests by advocating for what is in the best interest of the Plano community (i.e. citizens and businesses). Many significant decisions affecting Texas cities are made by the Texas Legislature therefore, the City of Plano should have a voice in Austin.

As the level of government closest to our citizens the City bears the primary responsibility for ensuring health and safety, for providing daily services, and for the provision of capital infrastructure.

The City seeks to preserve home rule authority for Plano citizens. The City may oppose bills that will provide for state preemption of municipal authority in general or specifically erode Plano’s authority to govern locally. The Legislative Committee will review bills that impact the City of Plano and authorize positions for the City of Plano.

Municipal revenue is made up of sources such as property taxes, sales taxes, right-of-way revenues, service fees, and court fines. The City seeks to maintain a predictable level of revenue and oppose state mandates that do not allow the City to provide a stable source of funding to meet the needs of the City’s citizens as approved by City Council. The City will seek introduction and passage of legislation that recognizes the capital maintenance fund as a best practice to maintain infrastructure and minimize debt. The City supports legislation that would cap the administrative fee the State Comptroller may assess for the administration of sales tax revenue. The City also supports clean-up legislation for SB2 that would clarify the calculation of disputed property tax values and legislation that would increase the uses for hotel occupancy taxes.

The City opposes legislation that removes authority/choice from Plano citizens. The City opposes legislation that would: impose new property or sales tax exemptions that would substantially erode Plano’s tax base; erode the ability to issue debt; erode municipal and voter authority related to development matters through land use and zoning, regulatory takings, and building codes; erode authority for adequate compensation for use of our public rights-of-way and/or erode municipal authority over the management and control of our public rights-of-way, including by state or federal rules or federal legislation; or erode local control over retirement issues.

The City supports city-related bills that would maintain a competitive advantage for the City of Plano or that would: provide fairness and equity in the application of sales and use taxes for goods and services; beneficially amend H.B. 3167 (the subdivision platting shot clock bill); allow for greater flexibility by cities to fund local transportation projects; amend state law to help cities fund transportation projects or provide cities with additional funding options and resources; support regionally appropriate highway improvement and rail; establish that expenditures of Community Development Block Grant funds by cities are a governmental function; and provide consistency, uniformity and additional funding to Plano’s Municipal Court; and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

The City supports economic development bills that create jobs that benefit the region and do not create a disadvantage to cities providing dedicated sales tax revenue for regional transit services.