

CITY OF PLANO'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The City's 87th Legislative Program is a guide for City positions and priorities.

The purpose of the City's legislative efforts is to protect Plano's interests. 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 residents the City bears the primary responsibility for ensuring residents' health and safety, for providing daily services to residents, and for the provision of capital infrastructure.

The City will seek to preserve home rule authority for Plano citizens. The City may oppose bills that would provide for state preemption of municipal authority in general or specifically erode Plano's authority to govern locally. The City will review any city-related filed bills and analyze the language to determine if it is detrimental or helpful to Plano and provide a position accordingly.

Municipal revenue is made up of sources such as property taxes, sales taxes, right-of-way revenues, service fees, and court fines. The City will seek to maintain a predictable level of revenue and oppose state mandates that do not provide for a commensurate level of compensation. The City will seek introduction and passage of legislation that recognizes the capital maintenance fund as a best practice to maintain infrastructure and minimize city debt.

The City will oppose legislation that removes authority/choice from Plano citizens. The City may oppose legislation that would: impose further revenue and/or tax caps; impose new property or sales tax exemptions that would substantially erode Plano's tax base; erode the ability to issue debt; erode municipal 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; limit the use of incentives by Plano; or erode local control over retirement issues.

The City of Plano will also seek introduction and passage of legislation that would cap the administrative fee the State Comptroller may assess for the administration of sales tax revenue to the lesser of 1% or \$500,000 of annual gross receipts.

The City may support any 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; provide consistency and uniformity and additional funding to Plano's Municipal Court.

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 including supporting legislation that would restrict use of 4A/4B revenue for economic development.

The City may support a position in the legislative programs of the partners below, so long as the position in their program aligns with the City of Plano's position. The level of support will also be based on level of priority for the City.

- Plano Independent School District
- Texas Municipal League
- Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues
- Plano Chamber of Commerce
- National League of Cities
- Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Texas Civil Service Cities Coalition
- Texas Municipal Retirement System
- Regional Transportation Commission
- U.S. Conference of Mayors
- North Texas Commission