

CITY OF ARLINGTON

2019-2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE **AGENDA**



ARLINGTON, THE AMERICAN DREAM CITY

Arlington, located in the center of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metropolitan area, is The American Dream City. We are home to the Texas Rangers' Globe Life Park, the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium, the General Motors Arlington Assembly Plant, D.R. Horton, Six Flags Over Texas, Texas Live!, the University of Texas at Arlington and the Tarrant County College Southeast Campus, as well as a host of global, domestic and family-owned businesses. The American pride in our more than 383,000 culturally diverse residents is undeniable.



HISTORY OF ARLINGTON'S HOME RULE

Arlington residents originally approved the City Charter during an election on January 17, 1920, under the Texas Constitution's Home Rule Amendment. The Charter outlines Arlington's municipal powers, including the City's ability to levy taxes and incur debt as well as establishes the power and duties of the City Manager and Council. Home Rule has allowed the City to grow and prosper, from the creation of Lake Arlington and the Entertainment District to policies that help attract major employers such as General Motors and support the growth of UT Arlington.



LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

As a general policy, the City of Arlington seeks to maintain decision making in the hands of local elected leaders to preserve the wellbeing of its residents and economy. Arlington City Council acknowledges that Arlington residents have the right to influence decisions impacting their home through direct election of council members, participating in public hearings and attending town halls among other things. In keeping in line with this orientation, the City will seek legislative solutions which:

- Maintain or enhance municipal decision-making authority in the areas of public health and safety, public property, conservation, revenues and economic development; and,
- Eliminate or reduce the impact of unfunded mandates.



PARTNERSHIPS

The City will continue to form strategic partnerships with cities, political subdivisions and private sector entities that share common goals with Arlington.

Additionally, the City will work in coordination with organizations such as the National League of Cities and the U. S. Conference of Mayors when these organizations' adopted positions are in line with the legislative objectives and goals of the City. The formation of strategic partnerships and coordinated efforts is intended to provide Arlington with a stronger presence and influence in the legislative process.



TRANSPORTATION

From ground to air transportation, the City of Arlington actively seeks to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of its transportation system to support our economy and better the quality of life for our residents. To best provide transportation service, the City Council supports solutions that maintain and grow Arlington's transportation funding as well as supports legislation that preserves the City Council's flexibility to create, implement and enforce policies related to Arlington's transportation needs. This topic includes:

- Contract Tower Program;
- FAA regulations and airport funding; and,
- Highway and roadway funding.



PUBLIC SAFETY

In order to provide the level of public safety deserved of its residents, the Arlington City Council supports legislation that:

- Creates a national commission to study and recommend comprehensive improvements to the criminal justice system, including funding for community policing and efforts to strengthen police-community relations;
- Comprehensively reforms the mental health system and increases mental health funding and training;
- Assists local government with challenges associated with implementing text to 9-1-1 technology; and,
- Fully funds the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI), the Department of Justice COPS Office and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) program.



LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY

The City of Arlington seeks to create an environment in which technology can be used to better both residents' quality of life and government efficiency. This leading-edge attitude taken by City Council is integrated in all that city staff does. City Council understands the complexity of implementing and regulating new technology and seeks to pioneer new technology in a safe environment. By the adoption of this attitude, the Arlington City Council will support legislation that:

- Maintains Arlington's autonomy in seeking and implementing innovative solutions to public issues; and,
- Maintains Arlington's ability to seek the best public benefit when working with technology facing organizations.



NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The City Council supports fully funding essential neighborhood development programs including:

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG);
- HOME Program Funds; and,
- Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG).

Additionally, the City Council supports fully funding for administrative fees for the Housing Choice Voucher program as recent payment levels are insufficient to fund increasing administrative costs of this program.



CITY OF ARLINGTON ELECTED OFFICIALS



The Mayor and Districts 6, 7 and 8 are elected at-large and represent the entire city.



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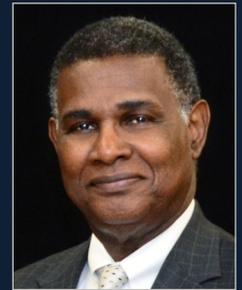


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