



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Resolution for the City Council Meeting of February 17, 2026

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Resolution supporting the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), urging Congressional and Department of War support for its continued operations and growth

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

This resolution continues and expands on the City of Corpus Christi's support for the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) by addressing the need for increased workload over the next 12 months, as well as long-term policy measures with appropriations to sustain CCAD's defense-critical role in Army aviation.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) is the United States Army's leading facility for rotary-wing repair and is one of the largest helicopter repair centers in the world. Depots are defense installations that operate as "organic industrial bases," which means they are internal government facilities where the military can repair and upgrade its own equipment. These depot facilities offer a cost advantage by prolonging the lifespan of military assets and serving a vital national security interest. In the event of a major war, they enable the military to return warfighter equipment to the front lines quickly.

Unlike traditional defense installations, depots do not receive operational appropriations. Instead, they are self-sustaining and generate revenue through their workload. This business model requires CCAD to adapt its workforce to the Army's and other customers' demands. However, recent military transformation initiatives and existing policy challenges threaten to reduce work at CCAD. This could lead to decreased employment levels in the Coastal Bend region and, if left unaddressed, impair our military's ability to maintain force readiness.

The resolution renews the City's request to the Department of Defense to enforce the 50/50 rule by installation, which mandates that at least 50% of repair work be performed at depots. It also urges Congress to designate CCAD as the primary repair source for all military branches. Additionally, the resolution calls for the purchase of equipment technical data for all new contracts to allow a "Right to Repair," the adoption of policies that mitigate the financial impact of mission changes, and the provision of Military Construction appropriations for future phases of the CCAD powertrain facilities.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council may decide not to adopt the resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None. The resolution is not binding on the City to make any specific financial commitment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of the resolution to further signify the City Council's commitment to preserving the mission of the Corpus Christi Army Depot. By endorsing this resolution, the Council will formally call upon all federal leaders to enhance stability and reinvest in this vital installation.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution