



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting of December 3rd, 2024

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Resolution Adopting the City of Corpus Christi’s Federal Legislative Agenda for Federal Legislative Priorities for the 119th Congress

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The City Council adopts a legislative agenda each biennium before a new Congress convenes. The resolution identifies the policy and appropriations priorities of the City Council for the 119th United States Congress, which convenes on January 3, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City’s general legislative policy (below) in Sections 1 and 2 are used to guide the City’s consultants and the Intergovernmental Relations Department in evaluating legislative proposals not covered by the City’s specific legislative policy initiatives.

The City <u>SUPPORTS</u> legislation and/or administrative actions that:	The City <u>OPPOSES</u> legislation and/or administrative actions that:
Protect and enhance City revenues.	Undermine the principle of home rule and local control by the City.
Provide revenue or eliminate mandates that reduce or eliminate costs to the City.	Results in the loss of revenue or negatively impacts potential revenue growth to the City.
Supports local control.	Diminishes the authority of cities to regulate and manage their growth and development.

Protects policies previously established by City leadership through the Charter, ordinances, resolutions, and master plans.	Nullifies or undermines the City's policies contained in existing provisions of the Charter, ordinances, resolutions, and master plans, unless such changes expand the City's ability to manage its own affairs.
Provides increased educational opportunities and job creation/retention for the citizens of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend region through the Port of Corpus Christi authority, public schools, community colleges and universities	Imposes unfunded mandates that requires any expenditures by the City unless all costs are fully reimbursed by the mandating governmental entity.

Section 3 of the resolution states the specific priorities grouped by subject matter of the City of Corpus Christi with support or opposition statements.

Section 4 of the resolution states endorsements where the City of Corpus Christi will coordinate with local stakeholders, municipal advocacy groups, or professional associations to endorse their legislative priorities "provided they do not conflict with the City's own legislative agenda".

ALTERNATIVES:

- The City Council may choose to:
1. Adopt the Resolution
 2. Not Adopt the Resolution
 3. Make Revisions To the Resolution

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the city.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the adoption of this resolution, which will serve as a guide for the city council, staff, and consultants on the priorities of the City of Corpus Christi in the upcoming Congress.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Council Resolution