

Update Intergovernmental Relations Delegations

**Coastal Bend to D.C.
Texas Municipal League
South Texas Military Taskforce**



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Recent and Upcoming Trips

- United Chamber's "Coastal Bend to D.C."
 - September 26 - 28
 - Texas Municipal League Annual Conference and Exhibition
 - October 4 - 6
 - South Texas Military Task Force Fly-In
 - October 22ⁿ- 25
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CB to DC 2023 Registered Attendees

- United Corpus Christi Chamber CEO & Staff
- Corpus Christi Chamber Board Members
- City of Corpus Christi Mayor and City Staff
- CCIA staff
- Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority
- Port of Corpus Christi
- City of Aransas Pass
- Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce
- Aransas Pass Police Department
- Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation
- International Bank of Commerce
- Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Texas State Aquarium
- Texas Oil & Gas Association
- Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend
- Coastal Bend Air Quality Partnership
- Ingleside Economic Development Corporation
- Cheniere Energy
- Valero
- Corpus Christi Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Visit Corpus Christi
- NAACP – Corpus Christi
- Coastal Bend Home Builders Association

All Corpus Christi City Council Members were invited:

- Council Liaisons Office in March
 - Chamber staff at council public comment June 13th
 - IGR Department sent a reminder on July 14th
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Coastal Bend to D.C. Meetings Conducted

- Senator Ted Cruz
- Congressman Michael Cloud
- Congressman Keith Self
- Congressman Vincente Gonzalez
- Congressman Pete Session
- Congressman August Pfluger
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Global Energy Institute
- Department of Transportation Legislative Affairs Division
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Hazard Mitigation Office
- Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management
- Larry Meyers, Hance Scarborough





Texas Municipal League Annual Conference & Exhibition

Texas Municipal League (TML) Annual Conference and Exhibition was conducted on October 4th- 6th in Dallas, TX.

The TML annual conference is the largest in-state gathering of over 3,300 Texas municipal officials for 2.5 days of continuing education and training sessions related to city-related matters and a tradeshow exhibition of municipal service providers.

Attendees included the Mayor and council members, the City Manager's Office, the IGR Department, the City Attorney, and the City Secretary's Office.



Texas Municipal League Annual Conference & Exhibition

Examples of Education Sessions Included:

- **TML Legislative Update** – TML’s Government Affairs team delivered an overview of the 88th Legislature’s actions impacting local government
 - **Public Civic Engagement** - This session will explore the impacts civil discord during public engagement has on the morale of elected officials, city staff, and residents. CM Zanoni was a panelist.
 - **A Look at the Zoning Density Movement** - Legislation passed in many states radically reshaped neighborhoods’ ability to restrict residential density. Panel discussion on what to expect when the Texas Legislature gathers in 2025.
 - **The 88th Legislative Session from a Public Finance Perspective** - This panel, which includes city, financial advisor, bond counsel, and underwriter representatives, provides a debrief of the passed public finance-related bills.
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TML Business Session Honored Corpus Christi State Representative Todd Hunter with the “*Legislator of the Year Award*”





South Texas Military Task Force trip to D.C.

The South Texas Military Task Force (STMTF) is a committee of the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce. It consists of a collection of community leaders and business people dedicated to preserving, protecting, and expanding the missions of South Texas' Military Facilities.

October 22nd-25th, the Task Force Executive Committee will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with officials at the Pentagon and Capitol Hill in order to advocate on behalf of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi & Kingsville and Corpus Christi Army Depot.





South Texas Military Task Force trip to D.C

STMTF priorities include:

- Demonstrate Corpus Christi is a pro-military city – actively improving military readiness through our partnership and supporting our military communities
 - Federal military construction funding for continued investment in local facilities to improve quality of life and prevent BRAC
 - Encouraging rapid approval through the Naval gifting process for projects like DEAAG grants
 - Reform the 180-day rule allowing for enlisted veterans to work at facilities like the Army Depot immediately upon retirement.
 - Require transparency of the 50/50 rule to ensure public depots receive the amount of repair work required by law
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