



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of December 20, 2016
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of January 10, 2017

DATE: November 10, 2016
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RESOLUTION

Adopting the City of Corpus Christi's State Legislative Agenda for the 85th Texas Legislature and the Federal Legislative Agenda for the 115th United States Congress.

CAPTION:

Resolution adopting the City of Corpus Christi's State Legislative Priorities for the 85th Texas Legislature and Federal Legislative Priorities for the 115th U.S. Congress.

PURPOSE:

The City Council regularly adopts a legislative agenda prior to a new state and federal legislative session convening. The resolution identifies the policy and appropriations priorities of the City Council for the 85th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, which runs from January 10, 2017, until May 29, 2017, and the 115th United States Congress, which convenes on January 3, 2017 until January 3, 2019 (two annual sessions).

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City's General State Legislative Policy (below) is used to guide the City's contract lobbyists and the Intergovernmental Relations Department in evaluating state and federal legislative proposals not covered by the City's specific legislative policy initiatives.

General State Legislative Policy

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.
Reduces or eliminates 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.

The City's IGR Department identified three levels of importance on state legislative issues, which the City Council selects for each of the state appropriations or policy recommendations.

- ✓ **Priority** – means the City will actively pursue and support/oppose the policy, including, if necessary, seeking introduction and passage of legislation. This would include purely local Corpus Christi bills, as well as very important legislation of statewide application.
- ✓ **Actively Support/Oppose** – means the City will aggressively attempt to influence passage/defeat of a measure if it is introduced by some other entity.
- ✓ **Endorse** – means the City will make its support or opposition known, but will not actively pursue the issue.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council can choose to:

1. Adopt the resolutions.
2. Not adopt the resolutions.
3. Make revisions to the resolutions.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Additional legislative priority items may be presented to Council in the future as topics and circumstances warrant.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

n/a

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

n/a

FINANCIAL IMPACT:☐ Operating☐ Revenue☐ Capital☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget			
Encumbered / Expended Amount			
This item			
BALANCE			

Fund(s):

Comments: None**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Presentation
115th Congress Federal Legislative Agenda
85th Legislative Session State Priorities
Texas Municipal League Policy Recommendations
Texas Recreation and Parks Legislative Priorities
TCAP Legislative Agenda
TSCPA Legislative Agenda
UCCCoFC Legislative Agenda
I-14 Federal Agenda
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