



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting November 17, 2020

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Resolution to adopt the City of Corpus Christi's State Legislative Agenda for the 87th Texas Legislature and Federal Legislative Priorities for the 117th United States Congress.

CAPTION:

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SUMMARY:

The City Council adopts a legislative agenda each biennium prior to new state and federal legislative sessions convening. The resolution identifies the policy and appropriations priorities of the City Council for the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes on January 12, 2021, and the 117th United States Congress, which convenes on January 3, 2021.

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: |
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| 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. |

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| 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. |
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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 resolution.
2. Not adopt the resolution.
3. Make revisions to the resolution.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact to the city

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends adoption of this resolution which will serve as the guiding principles for the City of Corpus Christi in the upcoming legislative session and US Congress.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Council Resolution