

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLEN, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ADOPTING A STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Texas Legislature convened in January 2017; and,

WHEREAS, many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Allen wishes to work with our State Senator and Representatives to remain a center of excellence and a community of choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLEN, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The 2017 State Legislative Program for the City of Allen is hereby adopted. The Allen City Council supports the following positions on issues to be addressed in the 85th Biennial Session:

- Revenue and Appraisal Caps - We support the current rollback rate, tax rate ratification process and rollback petition requirements. Capping revenue and/or appraisals impairs a municipality's ability to finance its growth and meet the needs of its citizens.
- Local Control – We support legislation that promotes the authority of home rule cities to govern themselves as a sovereign entity. Local Control allows each municipality to respond to the unique needs and wishes of their citizens.
- Unfunded Mandates – We oppose unfunded mandates. Just as Texas opposes unfunded mandates from the federal government; unfunded mandates from the state to cities are unfair and place a financial burden on local residents.
- Economic Development - We support legislation to continue, maintain and protect economic and community development tools such as the Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF), Section 380 Agreements, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), Chapter 313 (ISD Appraised Value Limitations) and Type A and B. Local taxpayers should retain the right to determine the use of Type A and B funds.
- Transportation - We support the legislative plan to fund the state's transportation needs through the current motor vehicles sales tax and the associated transportation debt.
- Water - We support efforts and legislation to increase Texas' water supply. These efforts include but are not limited to: development of additional reservoirs; extension of pipelines/pumping systems to transport available water from outside the region/state; and, the acceleration of the permitting process for new water sources in Texas. We support legislation that maintains control of water conservation efforts within individual water districts and/or municipalities.
- Elections - We support legislation that maintains the May and November Uniform Election Dates.
- Utilities - We support legislation that maintains a municipality's authority over the rights-of-way and the ability to collect reasonable compensation for their use. We support legislation ensuring that electrical transmission planning is coordinated with local input and completed in advance of local growth and development.

- Hotel Occupancy Tax - We support amendments to the statute allowing a rebate of a portion of the state Hotel Occupancy Tax to cities for use in the development, maintenance and operation of convention centers and other meeting facilities.
- Education - We support legislation authorizing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to allow Collin County Community College to offer baccalaureate degree programs in the field of nursing.

SECTION 2. Representatives from the City of Allen are directed to communicate the items included in the state legislative program to members of the Texas Legislature.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Allen, and it is accordingly so resolved.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLEN, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2017.

APPROVED:

Stephen Terrell, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Shelley B. George, TRMC, CITY SECRETARY