

**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-Sixth Session of the Texas Legislature convenes in January 2019; and,

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Allen desires 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 2019 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 86<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session:

- Revenue and Appraisal Caps - We support the current rollback rate, tax rate ratification process and rollback petition requirements. Capping revenue or appraisals impairs a municipality's ability to finance additional services derived from 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), and Type A and B Economic Development Corporations. Local taxpayers should retain the right to determine the use of Type A and B funds.
- Transportation - We support legislative efforts to fully fund the state's transportation needs through the existing authorized funding sources including efforts to index the motor fuels tax to fuel efficiency. We support legislative efforts to equitably distribute funding among the districts within Texas and oppose any efforts to reduce funding from existing revenue sources.
- 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 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 current 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 cities to utilize Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue for use in the development, maintenance and operation of convention centers and other meeting facilities.
- Firefighter Disease Presumption - We support legislation to clarify the firefighter disease presumption statute (Government Code Chapter 607). The statute is unclear as to which specific diseases are covered.
- Governmental Immunity - We support legislation that protects government from frivolous legal actions.

**SECTION 2.** The City Secretary will provide a copy of this Resolution to Allen's Representatives in the Texas Legislature to communicate the items important to the City of Allen in the upcoming state legislative session.

**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 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2018.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Stephen Terrell, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**Shelley B. George, TRMC, CITY SECRETARY**