



CITY OF PLANO COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY SECRETARY'S USE ONLY				
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory				
Council Meeting Date:		11/10/2014		
Department:		Policy and Government Relations		
Department Head		Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager		
Agenda Coordinator (include phone #): Andrea Park 972-941-5113				
CAPTION				
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Plano, Texas, adopting the 2015 Legislative Program for the City of Plano, Texas; directing the City Manager or his designee to act with regard to the City's Legislative Program; and providing an effective date.				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATING EXPENSE <input type="checkbox"/> REVENUE <input type="checkbox"/> CIP				
FISCAL YEAR:	2014-15	Prior Year (CIP Only)	Current Year	Future Years
		0	0	0
Budget		0	0	0
Encumbered/Expended Amount		0	0	0
This Item		0	0	0
BALANCE		0	0	0
FUND(s): N/A				
COMMENTS: This item has no fiscal impact.				
STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Adopting the 2015 Legislative Program for the City relates to the City's goals of Financially Strong City with Service Excellence and Partnering for Community Benefit.				
SUMMARY OF ITEM				
Adopting City of Plano 2015 Legislative Program				
List of Supporting Documents: Memorandum, Resolution, Exhibit "A"			Other Departments, Boards, Commissions or Agencies	

Date: November 10, 2014

To: Bruce Glasscock, City Manager

From: Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Overview of the City of Plano Legislative Program

With issues that impact the City of Plano being actively debated across multiple levels of government, the City's involvement in the legislative process has grown into a year round activity at the local, regional, state and federal levels. The City of Plano legislative program establishes policy direction for general topics that could affect the City of Plano. The goal of the city legislative efforts is to use the city's legislative program as a guide for city positions and to protect the city's municipal interests. This approach allows the Council and staff to act on a broad array of bills that address topics of interest. The City Council of the City of Plano last adopted a legislative program on October 28, 2013 by Resolution No. 2013-10-17.

The 84th session of the Texas legislature will begin early in January 2015. Attached is the proposed City of Plano Legislative Program for 2015 which outlines the city's positions and will allow staff to actively advocate on the City's behalf at all levels of government. The cities positions are divided into high and highest priorities.

The City's efforts will be coordinated by city staff, Bruce Glasscock, Frank Turner, Mark Israelson and Andrea Park; however each Department Director will be assigned bills that could affect their area of expertise. Research, comments and requests for action on applicable bills will made by Departments and action will be taken based upon the priority of the topic and impact to the city. Possible city actions include taking a position for/against bills through:

- Testimony (oral, written, or cards)
- Letters
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Meetings

Additionally, the City will coordinate efforts when interests are aligned with partners including: TML, DART, Collin County, PISD, TCCFUI, TCAP, the Plano Chamber and Universities. Most of the City's efforts will be dedicated to defeating legislation that would negatively affect the city. Below are a few important dates for council to be aware of:

- Tuesday, January 13, 2015 (1st day) 84th **Legislature convenes** at noon
- Friday, March 13, 2015 (60th day) **Deadline for filing bills** other than local bills
- Monday, June 1, 2015 (140th day) **Last day** of 84th Regular Session

Maintaining communications with the legislative delegation during the session will be ongoing through weekly visits, email, phone calls, text and reports. We will work closely with our delegation to assure they are aware of the impacts of legislation on the City of Plano. Our delegation includes:

- House District 65 Ron Simmons
- House District 67 Jeff Leach
- House District 66 Matt Shaheen
- House District 89 Jodie Laubenberg
- House District 106 Pat Fallon
- Senate District 8 Van Taylor
- Senate District 12 Jane Nelson

Last, we anticipate the 84th session to have several significant topics of concern to the city including:

- Appraisal Caps
- Tax Caps
- Reservoir Permitting
- Transportation Funding
- Education Funding

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WHEREAS, Legislative activities are ongoing in Congress and the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and

WHEREAS, City Staff prepared the recommended City of Plano 2015 Legislative Program attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and the Legislative Program has been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Plano; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such Legislative Program is in the best interest of the City and its citizens, should be adopted, and should be forwarded for consideration by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the further opinion that the City Manager or his designee should be directed to take action with regard to the Legislative Program as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. The City of Plano 2015 Legislative Program that is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is hereby adopted and approved as the Legislative Program for the City of Plano.

Section II. The City Manager or his designee is directed to communicate the items included in the City's Legislative Program to members of Congress, the Texas Legislature, in general, and/or to the appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others designated by the City Manager.

Section III. For those items designated as "support", the City Manager or his designee is directed to actively pursue passage of the appropriate legislation if it is introduced by some other entity. The City Manager's efforts to obtain passage of the legislation may include drafting appropriate legislation, seeking a sponsor, and actively pursuing passage of such legislation by providing testimony and through other means.

Section IV. For those items designated as "oppose", the City Manager or his designee is directed to attempt to impede the passage of any such legislation.

Section V. It is recognized this policy will often be implemented in the context of great numbers of legislative proposals being considered within short time periods. City representatives, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the City consistent with the necessary broad policy concerns set forth in this program.

Section VI. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November, 2014.

Harry LaRosiliere, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "A"
THE CITY OF PLANO 2015 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

HIGHEST PRIORITY

Oppose:

Legislation that would erode or otherwise diminish home rule authority and local control

Legislation that would create an unfunded duty, responsibility or standard on local government

Support:

Transportation

- Support expanded regional transportation funding options
- Support expedited expansion of regional transit services, including passenger rail service

HIGH PRIORITY

Oppose:

Legislation that would erode or otherwise diminish local control over:

- Municipal finances and revenues
- Operations
- Employment and post-employment benefits
- Operations and revenue from red light cameras
- Local control over placement of electronic billboards
- Expansion of collective bargaining rights

Support:

Truth in Taxation

- Support streamlining and clarifying mandatory property tax rate adoption language and publications

Economic Development

- Support fairness and equity in the application of sales and use taxes to good and services
- Support economic development bills that create jobs which benefit the region and does not create a disadvantage to cities providing dedicated sales tax revenue for regional transit services

Transportation

- Support a transportation bill which provides dependable multi-year funding consistent with mobility needs

Water

- Support a water plan that encourages conservation through contracts and rate structures and keeps revenues within the region they are collected
- Support a State Boundary Commission to return the NTMWD Lake Texoma pump station to Texas

Utilities

- Support the timely relocation of utility facilities.
- Endorse legislation that would create a local option surcharges to fund undergrounding utilities
- Endorse a change in the use of video Public Educational and Government (PEG) fees to allow use for operational expenses associated with running a cable television channel.

Finance

- Support the tax exempt status of municipal bonds

*Legislative programs of (**except as they conflict with a City of Plano position**):*

- Texas Municipal League
- Texas Coalition for Affordable Power
- Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Texas Civil Service Cities Coalition
- Plano Independent School District
- US Conference of Mayors