2027 Legislative Agenda Amendments (Summarized)

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Local Government and Fiscal Sustainability

Support legislation to preserve local decision-making authority and provide municipalities the flexibility to address community priorities, including beneficial amendments and the repeal of existing state laws that preempt local authority.

- Support repeal of Texas House Bill 2127, commonly known as the "Death Star" bill, and other legislation that restricts municipal authority or limits the ability of local governments to respond to community needs.
- Protect municipal authority related to zoning, land use, development regulations, permitting, inspections, historic preservation, and cost recovery for development services.
- Oppose legislation that overrides the fiscal discretion of local elected officials, negatively impacts municipal revenue, or restricts the City's ability to responsibly manage public finances.
- Oppose legislation that limits San Antonio's ability to issue debt responsibly, maintain its AAA credit ratings, and finance voter-approved infrastructure and community investments.
- Oppose legislation that discriminates against San Antonio residents or undermines the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance.
- Support repeal of state laws that prohibit municipalities and counties from adopting ordinances prohibiting discrimination based on source of income, allowing local governments to address housing discrimination comprehensively.
- Support legislation that removes unnecessary barriers to voter registration and voting, expands access to the ballot, and increases civic engagement and voter participation.
- Support fair and lawful congressional redistricting processes that protect the voting rights and representation of Texas communities.

Military City, USA

Support legislation and funding, including the Defense Economic Adjustment and Assistance Grant (DEAAG) program, that strengthen Military City USA® and enhance the long-term viability of Joint Base San Antonio and Texas National Guard installations.

- Support legislation that builds on San Antonio's strengths in military medicine, cybersecurity, and training for enlisted members, medics, and pilots.
- Oppose legislation that undermines the City's ability to prevent encroachment and ensure the long-term protection and operational viability of military installations.
- Support legislation and funding that improve the quality of life for the more than 250,000 military families and veterans who call the San Antonio region home.

Infrastructure and Resilience

Support increased state investment in flood mitigation infrastructure and the modernization of flood mapping, forecasting, early warning systems, and emergency communication technologies to better protect residents and critical infrastructure.

- Support nature-based solutions and green infrastructure as components of flood mitigation and stormwater management.

- Support funding and legislation that improve transportation connectivity, mobility, safety, and infrastructure reliability, supplementing the City's voter-approved Bond Programs.
- Support funding for resilient water, energy, utility, and transportation infrastructure necessary to accommodate future growth.
- Support legislation ensuring that data center development does not negatively impact water or electricity availability, shift utility costs to residential customers, or create harmful impacts on surrounding neighborhoods.
    - Support legislation that protects and expands local authority over zoning, land use, and development regulations related to data centers.
    - Support stronger oversight, regulation, and enforcement of air pollution associated with data center power generation.
    - Support requirements for non-fossil-fuel power generation for data centers.
    - Support legislation and rules requiring public reporting and tracking of data center water and energy consumption.
- Support funding for frequent, affordable passenger rail service connecting San Antonio and Austin.

Community Development

Support legislation that enables coordination, planning and economic development initiatives and partnerships that positively impact regional growth
across south and central Texas.

- Support early childhood education and workforce development initiatives that strengthen career pathways, apprenticeship programs, and access to quality jobs.
    - Support establishing an early childhood education and care fund to provide resources to licensed, high-quality public and private facilities, improve academic and facility quality, increase teacher and staff compensation, and reduce costs for families.
- Support increased investment in public and higher education and policies that improve educational outcomes, workforce readiness, and opportunities for residents while maintaining local authority of independent school districts and higher education governing boards.
    - Support increasing the state basic allotment for traditional public schools and tying funding to student enrollment rather than average daily attendance.
    - Support reforming traditional public school accountability measures, including provisions requiring the closure of campuses, alternative management, or appointment of boards of managers to intervene in school districts.
    - Track legislation related to requirements that give open-enrollment charter schools a right of first refusal over unused or underused independent school district facilities.
- Support legislation that increases the state minimum wage or allows local governments to establish a local minimum wage.
- Support legislation establishing minimum paid leave benefits or allowing local governments to establish minimum paid leave requirements.
- Support repeal of right-to-work laws and legislation enabling collective bargaining for Texas employees.
- Support legislation allowing public employees of governmental entities and public education institutions to participate in Social Security benefits without reductions in public pension benefits.
- Support extreme-weather workplace protections, including minimum work breaks during extreme weather conditions and workers' compensation protections for work-related injuries and deaths.
- Support legislation enabling local governments to establish Project Labor Agreements and Community Benefit Agreements.

- Support legislation that increases opportunities for housing affordability, quality, and accessibility in alignment with San Antonio's Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP) and voter-approved affordable housing bond.
- Support legislation that enhances local efforts to address homelessness and supportive housing needs.
- Support legislation that enables coordination, planning, and economic development initiatives and partnerships that positively impact regional growth across South and Central Texas, including the 13-county Central Texas region.

Support legislation and funding that creates opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and increased prosperity for San Antonio residents.

- Support legislation that decriminalizes, legalizes, regulates, and taxes cannabis and THC use and possession, including opportunities to expand access to medical cannabis for conditions such as PTSD, epilepsy, and chronic pain.
- Support legislation that allows municipalities to evaluate and pursue economic development opportunities associated with emerging industries and evolving state and federal policy.
- Support legislation and funding opportunities that allow us to educate and retain medical professionals.
- Track legislation related to cannabis legalization and regulation, economic development, and other emerging industries for opportunities to advance San Antonio's economic interests.

Public Health and Safety

Support legislation and funding dedicated to public safety, violent and non-violent crime prevention, and improved public health outcomes.

- Support programs and increased funding that promote a multijurisdictional, multidisciplinary approach to regional prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and resiliency following disasters or major events.
- Support legislation and funding that improve access to healthcare for all Texans and strengthen public health outcomes.
    - Support expanding Medicaid eligibility and coverage in Texas, maximizing available federal healthcare funding, and addressing the state's approximately 210,000-application Medicaid backlog through improved application processing and enrollment.
    - Support legislation that fully funds and expands access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), reduces application backlogs, and improves access to food assistance for eligible Texans.
    - Support repeal of restrictive reproductive healthcare laws and barriers that limit access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare.
- Support legislation and funding for behavioral health infrastructure, mental health services, crisis response systems, substance abuse treatment, and the development of a Centralized System for Diversion and Recovery.
- Support programs that address food insecurity, health disparities, and community health needs.
- Support funding and policies that promote responsible pet ownership, animal welfare, and access to veterinary services.
    - Track legislation related to loose, roaming, and dangerous dogs and penalties for irresponsible pet ownership.
- Support reforms to the current Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process to help prevent higher premiums for families, higher healthcare benefit costs for employers, and increased spending across the healthcare system.
- Support repeal of both the 2017 and 2023 versions of Texas Senate Bill 4, including provisions that place undue burdens on local law enforcement and require local jurisdictions to participate in federal immigration enforcement.