

THE CITY OF LEAGUE CITY
2021 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

HIGHEST PRIORITY

Support:

Municipal Powers:

- Legislation that supports or advances the principles of Home Rule authority and local control to allow for locally elected officials to make decisions that are beneficial to the interest of city residents or otherwise beneficial to the city's interests
- Amend H.B. 2439 to allow local control over quality building and development that facilitates sustainable market value of real property and consistency with community standards

Fairness in Taxation:

- Legislation that allows Home Rule cities to regain or retain local control over no new revenue rates, including changes to current legislation negatively impacting cities that dissolve special districts such as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

Transportation:

- Expedited development of the Grand Parkway, particularly in Galveston County as a tolled or non-tolled roadway
- Expanded regional transportation funding options to:
 - Widen FM 646 to four lanes between State Hwy 3 and State Hwy 146
 - Widen FM 270 to four lanes between FM 518 and FM 646
 - Widen FM 517 to four lanes between FM 646 and State Hwy 35

Hurricane Protection:

- Development of the 'Ike Dike' or similar hurricane protection system for League City, Galveston Bay and the northeast Texas coast

Oppose:

Municipal Control

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

HIGH PRIORITY

Support:

Economic Development:

- Legislation amendments allowing League City inclusion in most advantageous tier of H.B. 4347
- Legislation allowing Hot Funds to be used for tourism development programs and City facilities that promote nature tourism and birding
- Legislation allowing HOT Funds to be used for tourism programs to enhance the beautification of the city with efforts to curate public artwork

Water:

- Legislation that ensures the success of the State Water Plan which addresses our state's decreasing water supply and increasing demand caused by population growth
- Legislation that reduces regulatory constraints associated with wastewater effluent reuse projects

Utilities:

- Legislation to promote timely relocation action of the franchise utility facilities.
- Legislation endorsing 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:

- The tax-exempt status of municipal bonds

Parks and Recreation:

- Legislation providing a fair and equitable distribution of the sporting good sales tax revenues for state and local parks
- Creating a constitutional dedication of sporting goods sales tax revenues for use in state and local parks that would directly benefit parks, recreation, open space, trails and tourism
- The pass through of federal dollars used for parks, recreation, open space, trails, and tourism from any of the following, but not limited to, the United States Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the Sport Fish Restoration Boat Access program, and the United States Department of Transportation Recreation Trails program
- Legislation directly benefiting parks, recreation, open space, trails, tourism, health and wellness (i.e. utility corridors and mobility)

ONGOING PRIORITY

Support:

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

- Texas Municipal League
- Texas Coalition for Affordable Power
- Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues
- Texas Economic Development Council
- Texas Travel Industry Association
- Texas Hotel & Lodging Association
- Texas Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus
- Galveston County
- Clear Creek Independent School District
- Dickinson Independent School District
- Santa Fe Independent School District
- League City Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments
- Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership
- Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
- Texas Recreation and Park Society

Oppose:

Legislation that would erode or otherwise diminish local control over:

- Municipal finances and revenues
- Municipal authority to be adequately compensated for the use of its rights-of-way and, management and control of its rights-of-way
- Appraisal and revenue caps
- Rollback limitations
- Limitation on tax increment financing
- Limitations on certificates of obligation
- Municipal ability to condemn property for public use
- Operations
- Employment and post-employment benefits
- Placement of billboards, including electronic billboards
- Expansion of collective bargaining rights
- Annexation limitations
- Appropriation riders that set Texas Recreation and Park Accounts (TRPA) funding No. 467 & Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account No. 5007 funds for specific projects or locales