

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE July 26, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Participation in State Legislative AI Advisory Council Hearing**

On July 25, the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Council, chaired by Dallas-area Senator Tan Parker and State Representative Giovanni Capriglione, hosted a hearing on artificial intelligence development in large municipalities across Texas. Appointed by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan, the Council is tasked with investigating AI development and identifying potential areas for legislation.

The City of Dallas was invited to provide testimony. Chief Data Officer Dr. Brita Andercheck and Chief Information Officer Dr. Brian Gardner represented the city, presenting information on current AI programs and services. Their testimony, which built on a February 2024 [presentation](#) to the Government Performance & Financial Management Committee, highlighted:

- Existing and potential AI projects
- AI Governance
- Benefits, Risks, and Liabilities

Other invited municipalities included the City of San Antonio, City of Austin, Montgomery County District Attorney's Office, and the Texas Association of Counties.

A common theme from the hearing was that most municipalities are still in the exploratory and testing phases of AI development. Among this discussion, legislators also stressed the importance of establishing a code of ethics to guide the responsible use of this technology to ensure compliance with data privacy laws and other associated risks. The recording of the hearing can be accessed [here](#).

Many bills related to regulating AI usage are anticipated in the upcoming session. The Office of Government Affairs will continue to work with City Attorney's and peer departments to prepare for the legislative session. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Linley Youderian, State Relations Coordinator at linley.youderian@dallas.gov.

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