

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE October 7, 2016

TO The Honorable Members of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee: Lee M. Kleinman (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Erik Wilson (Vice Chair), Tiffinni A. Young, Adam Medrano, Jennifer S. Gates, Scott Griggs and Rickey D. Callahan

SUBJECT **Legislative Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature & FY 2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts**

On Monday, October 10, 2016 the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee will be briefed on the Legislative Program for the 85th Session of the Texas Legislature & FY 2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts. The briefing will be presented by Larry Casto, City Attorney, Brett Wilkinson Managing Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Services, and Anna Lamberti Holmes, Legislative Manager, Office of Intergovernmental Services,

The materials are attached for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.


A.C. Gonzalez
City Manager

cc: Larry Casto, City Attorney
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager
Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager

Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council



**LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 85TH SESSION OF THE
TEXAS LEGISLATURE
LEGISLATIVE AD-HOC COMMITTEE**



October 10, 2016

OUTLINE

General Principles

Dallas Priority Issue: Pension and Pay Referendum

Other Legislative Items for Consideration

FY 2016-17 Lobbyist Contracts



GENERAL PRINCIPLES: PLAYING DEFENSE

Preemption:

- The City of Dallas opposes any legislation that hinders the City's ability to meet the diverse and nuanced needs of its residents

Defend Fiscal Control:

- The City of Dallas opposes any legislation that would limit the city's ability to be a strong fiscal steward.



DALLAS PRIORITY ITEM

The City of Dallas recognizes the challenges relating to the police and fire pension and the pay referendum. Legislative resources will be utilized to find solutions to these fiscal issues that could have detrimental outcomes.



OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

DALLAS SPECIFIC ITEMS - PROACTIVE

- Facilitate a coordinated regional effort to address homelessness
- Reform statute of repose to spur housing investment
- Address animal control issues
- Mandate commercial sales price disclosure within 3-5 years to fairly distribute the property tax burden
- Repeal source of income
- Address mobile noise sources at point of inspection



OTHER LEGISLATIVE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS:

- Include Texas Task Force 2 in statewide plan
- Increase public safety resources to train, protect and support de-escalation and community policing
- Preserve water supply and storage options
- Facilitate efforts to address prostitution and human trafficking
- Improve air quality compliance
- Protect multi-modal options for transportation including High Speed Rail, light rail, streetcars, surface roads, pedestrian/bicycle/trails. Encourage robust funding options that maintain flexibility for transportation.
- Increase funding, facility and program support for homelessness, mental health or prisoner reentry.
- Remove limitations on alcohol sales in public facilities





City of Dallas



FY 2016-17 LOBBYIST CONTRACTS

October 10, 2016

E-GOV



OVERVIEW

Recommend approval of contracts for legislative services with:

- Julie Acevedo
- Randy Cain
- Jesse Romero
- Kwame Walker
- Hillco Partners
- CapitalEdge Strategies (Ralph Garboushian)
- Paul Schlesinger and Hector Alcalde



GENERAL LOBBYISTS – STATE

- Julie Acevedo
 - Randy Cain
 - Jesse Romero
 - Kwame Walker
 - Hillco Partners
- All lobbyists conduct necessary research, information gathering, and other supporting activities by maximizing the use of legislative contacts
 - Review, analyze and monitor interim committee activities as requested by the City Attorney
 - Study and recommend legislative initiatives for the upcoming State Legislative session
 - Draft legislation as directed by the Assistant City Attorney
 - Hillco Partners represents the City on water issues in the Texas legislature and with State Agencies



FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 LOBBYIST CONTRACTS

LOBBYIST	FOCUS	AMOUNT
Julie Acevedo	State	\$25,000
Randy Cain	State	\$99,000
Jesse Romero	State	\$39,000
Kwame Walker	State	\$51,000
HillCo Partners	State	\$86,250
CapitalEdge Strategies	Federal	\$160,000
Hector Alcalde and Paul Schlesinger	Federal	\$85,000
Total		\$545,250



CAPITALEdge - FEDERAL

Dallas is represented in Washington DC by CapitalEdge (Ralph Garboushian)

- Monitors federal legislation impacting Dallas and works with the Texas Congressional Delegation and the Executive Branch to advance the City's interests and priorities as directed by City Council
- Works closely with national municipal organizations, including National League of Cities and US Conference of Mayors, to ensure awareness of the City's position and agenda
- Briefs Council Members and staff at annual meetings of NLC
- Visits the City annually and at other times requested by the City
- Works closely with City officials and staff to develop legislative and grant strategies

Dallas joined the Texas Cities Legislative Coalition (TCLC) in 1988

- TCLC includes Dallas, Austin, Arlington, and Denton



HECTOR ALCADE AND PAUL SCHLESINGER - FEDERAL

Provides legislative advocacy on federal transportation and water infrastructure that supports the City Council's strategic priorities including:

- Efforts to secure funding
- Promoting adoption of legislative provisions that are beneficial to the City
- Opposing legislation or regulations that might compromise the City's ability to complete projects
- Assisting with the development of strategies to facilitate Army Corps of Engineers and Department of Transportation implementation of City priorities



CITY COUNCIL TIMELINE

OCTOBER 19, 2016

- Full Council Briefing on proposed state program and lobbyist contracts

OCTOBER 26, 2016

- Council consideration of lobbyist contracts and state legislative program



QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS



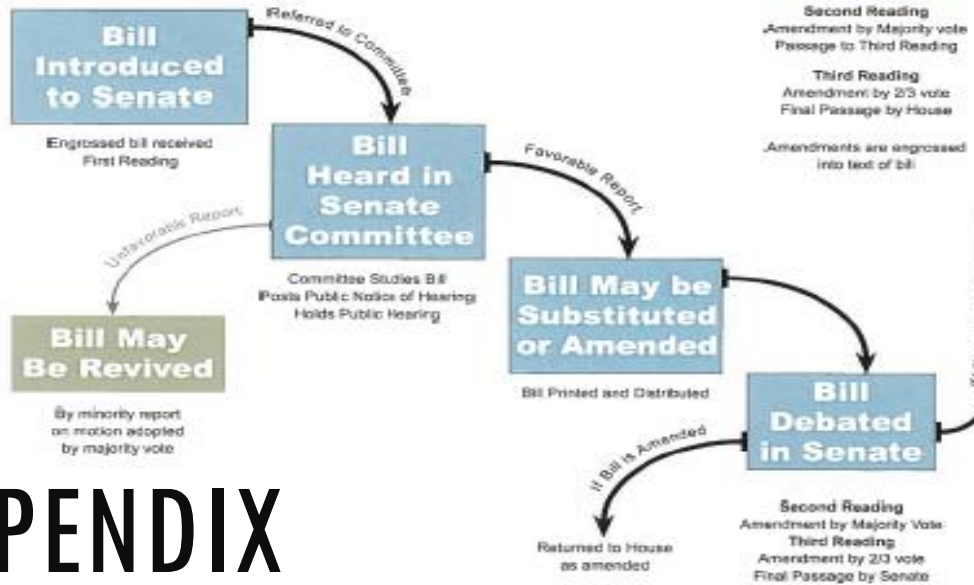
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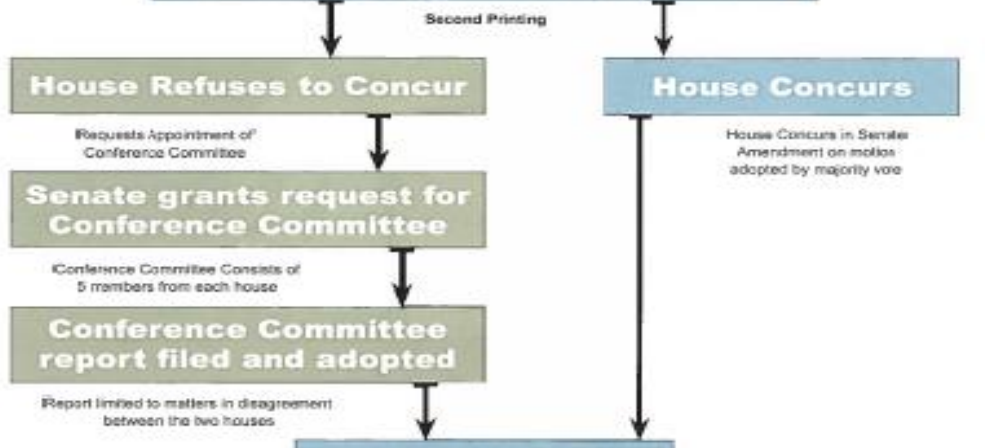
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SENATE



House engrossed text with Senate Amendments printed and distributed



Bill Enrolled

Bill Signed By Speaker in Presence of the House **Bill Signed By Lt. Governor in Presence of the Senate**

GOVERNOR

