

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 9, 2024

TO Honorable Chair and Members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs

SUBJECT **Economic Development Committee Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities**

As the City of Dallas prepares for the 89th Texas Legislature and 119th Congress, both set to convene in 2025, the Economic Development Committee worked with the Office of Government Affairs and stakeholders to develop the City's legislative programs for consideration by the City Council.

Preliminary legislative priorities pertaining to economic development include:

- Support property tax relief for Dallas residents. **(State)**
- Expand business opportunities to grow the tax base and generate revenue streams for city priorities, including but not limited to authorization, licensing, and regulation of casino gaming and sports wagering in this state. **(State)**
- Ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent. **(State)**
- Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises. **(Both)**
- Continue to broadband service as a critical utility. **(Both)**

In addition to the items above, we urge legislative efforts include maintaining existing funding streams at both the state and federal levels.

We know additional items may arise between now and the start of the next legislative session, and we understand City Councilmembers can bring forward items as desired through the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs at any time.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Carrie Rogers, Director of Government Affairs, at Carrie.Rogers@dallas.gov.

Sincerely,

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