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RESOLUTION NO. 43-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACT WITH REGARD TO THE CITY'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Legislative activities are ongoing with the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered during the legislative session; and

WHEREAS, City staff prepared the recommended City of Mesquite 2027 Legislative Program, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and the Legislative Program has been reviewed by the City Council of the City of Mesquite; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion that such Legislative Program is in the best interest of the City and its residents, should be adopted, and should be forwarded for consideration by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the further opinion that the City Manager or his designee should be directed to take action with regard to the Legislative Program as outlined below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Mesquite 2027 Legislative Program that is attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby adopted and approved as the Legislative Program for the City of Mesquite.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager or his designee is directed to communicate the items included in the City's Legislative Program to members of the Texas Legislature, in general, and/or to the appropriate legislative committees, committee members and others designated by the City Manager.

SECTION 3. That for those items designated as "support," the City Manager or his designee is directed to actively pursue passage of the appropriate legislation if it is introduced. The City Manager's efforts to obtain passage of this legislation may include drafting appropriate legislation, seeking a sponsor and actively pursuing the passage of such legislation by providing testimony and through other means.

SECTION 4. That for those items designated as "oppose," the City Manager or his designee is directed to attempt to impede the passage of any such legislation.

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SECTION 5. That it is recognized that this policy will often be implemented in the context of great numbers of legislative proposals being considered within short time periods. City representatives, under the direction of the City Manager, shall be authorized to act on behalf of the City consistent with the necessary broad policy concerns set forth in this program.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 2nd day of November 2026.

Signed by:
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Mayor

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MESQUITE TEXAS

Exhibit A

City of Mesquite 2027 Legislative Program

90th Texas Legislative Session

The City of Mesquite has identified the listed legislative priorities that are based around the City's Strategic Goals to help guide the City in support or opposition of certain legislation that is filed in this next legislative session.

Local Control

The City of Mesquite strongly supports local control and preserving the ability of elected officials to govern in the best interest of Mesquite Citizens.

Oppose

- Legislation that imposes additional revenue, tax, or expenditure caps; reduces the voter-approval rate; or increases the voter-approval threshold required to exceed that rate.
- Legislation that further restricts city property tax revenue or substantially erodes the City's property or sales tax base through appraisal caps and exemptions currently established by law.
- Legislation that preempts municipal authority over land use, zoning, development regulations, local amendments to building codes, permitting fees, eminent domain, or the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- Legislation that reduces or eliminates municipal authority over public rights-of-way or fair compensation for their use.
- Legislation that imposes unfunded mandates on municipalities.
- Legislation that would eliminate general obligation debt from being tax-exempt.

Support

- Legislation that requires municipal approval before a Housing Finance Corporation, Housing Authority, or Public Facility Corporation operates within the City or removes property from the City's tax rolls.

Safe Community

The City of Mesquite strongly supports legislation that enhances the ability of police, fire, and other public safety personnel to effectively make communities safer.

Oppose

- Legislation that limits asset forfeiture or the use of forfeiture funds by police departments.

Support

- Legislation that increases penalties and fines for burglary of motor vehicles and auto theft.
- Legislation that increases penalties for unlawfully discharging firearms in public or residential areas.
- Legislation that provides grant funding or resources that assists local police and fire departments with training, accreditation, equipment, and other critical public safety resources.
- Legislation that provides grant funding or resources for mental health services, homelessness, and crisis-response resources.
- Legislation that restores local control for municipal youth curfew ordinances.
- Legislation that expands local authority for youth diversion and intervention programs.
- Legislation that strengthens local authority to address chronic truancy and parent accountability.
- Legislation that increases penalties for misuse of automated license plate recognition (ALPR) cameras.

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Attractive Neighborhoods

The City of Mesquite supports preserving the ability to provide well-planned neighborhoods, address nuisances, and maintain quality development and infrastructure.

Oppose

- Legislation that limits or eliminates the City's ability to regulate residential lot size, density, parking, accessory dwelling units, manufactured housing, or other development standards necessary to manage neighborhood growth and compatibility.
- Legislation that imposes additional time limitations or procedural requirements that unnecessarily restrict the City's development review and subdivision platting processes.

Support

- Legislation that allows cities to utilize job order contracting for infrastructure projects.
- Legislation that clearly defines operating standards for group homes within residentially zoned areas.

Improved Transportation and Mobility

The City of Mesquite strongly supports legislation that provides for the maintenance and enhancement of local transportation infrastructure.

Support

- Funding for highway improvements with a focus on projects that address congestion and safety.
- Legislation that increases transportation funding options and identifies sustainable methods of generating additional transportation revenues.
- Funding that expands regional transportation options for transit services such as STAR Transit and provides enhanced services at lower costs for communities.
- Legislation that increases funding for mobility projects, including trails, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Legislation and funding for initiatives that increase transportation access for all residents, with an emphasis on low-income residents, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.
- Legislation that provides funding and timely coordination for railroad crossing safety and improvements.

Vibrant Economy

The City of Mesquite supports legislation that preserves and provides the tools necessary to attract, retain, expand and enhance businesses while promoting sustainable economic growth.

Oppose

- Legislation that limits the City's existing economic development authority or available economic development incentives.
- Legislation that further erodes the City’s ability to accept voluntary annexation of property or regulate development within a City’s extra territorial jurisdiction.

Support

- Legislation that continues support for the Texas Enterprise Fund, Chapter 312 of the Tax Code, the Skills Development Fund, Tax Increment Financing and Section 380 Agreements.
- Legislation that continues local control of Type 4B/4A sales taxes and its current use categories.
- Legislation that increases municipal input, transparency, accountability, and coordination in the creation and operation of Municipal Utility Districts and ensures that MUDs pay a proportionate share of infrastructure and service costs associated with their development.

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- Legislation that ensures and protects adequate funding for public school districts to meet the state's education standards.
- Legislation that funds workforce development and community college programs for workforce training and expansion.
- Legislation for increased CDBG funding and flexibility in how funds can be used.
- Legislation that prioritizes funding housing programs for veterans, individuals experiencing homelessness, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.
- Legislation that provides additional state funding, financial incentives, and resources for housing rehabilitation, emergency home repairs, accessibility improvements, and aging-in-place initiatives for low-income homeowners, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

High Performing/Transparent Government

The City of Mesquite supports legislation that promotes transparent, efficient, and fiscally responsible local government while preserving the City's ability to effectively manage its finances, workforce, and operations.

Oppose

- Legislation that further restricts the City's ability to issue debt or fund local capital projects through municipal bond financing.
- Legislation that erodes local control of pension, insurance, and compensation to public employees.

Support

- Legislation that allows local governments to publish required legal ads and notices electronically rather than publishing in a newspaper.
- Open Meetings Act requirements that maintain public transparency while eliminating the requirement to physically post meeting notices if the city maintains a web site for electronic posting.
- Legislation that modernizes municipal procurement requirements and thresholds to reflect current project, material, and service costs and improve administrative efficiency.
- Legislation providing funding, resources, and reasonable implementation standards to assist cities with cybersecurity, artificial intelligence governance, and technology modernization.
- Legislation improving Public Improvement District filing efficiency by providing more efficient filing options, including filing with the City Secretary or online.
- Legislation that expands the exception of public information to include the name and contact information of a complainant and allow for a governmental body to redact this information without the necessity of an Attorney General opinion.
- Legislation revising the Texas Government Code, Chapter 552, the “Public Information Act” Act, Section 552.221 (b-2) to define “conspicuous font.”
- Legislation granting a “special right of access” to records, such as Police Reports, for victims of crimes committed by juveniles.
- Legislation including dates of birth (DOB) of members of the public and public employees as an actual Mandatory Exception to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 552 and allow the governmental body to redact this information without the necessity of requesting an Attorney General (AG) decision.
- Legislation that provides additional funding and financing opportunities for municipal water, wastewater, drainage, and other essential infrastructure, including through the Texas Water Fund.
- Legislation that would amend Section 103.005 (c), Local Government Code to extend the current deadline of 180 days to complete an annual financial statement (audit) to a more realistic deadline of 240 days.

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Quality Recreation and Culture

The City of Mesquite supports legislation and funding that enhances parks, recreation, libraries, cultural amenities, and other community resources that contribute to residents' quality of life and the local economy.

Support

- Legislation that expands local flexibility in the use of Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax revenues.
- Legislation that allows Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax revenue generated by short-term rentals to support city services provided to those properties.
- Funding for libraries and library facilities, including services that support workforce development, job training, and residents seeking employment opportunities.
- Funding and grant opportunities for expanded parks and recreation facilities for local governments.