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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



I am Dr. Victor D. Trevino, Mayor of the vibrant and culturally rich city of Laredo, Texas.

As a proud Texan and local physician for over 36 years, I am honored to represent a community that has an incredible history that is only matched by our long-standing tradition of creating binational relationships with our international neighbors, making us the largest port in the entire country.

Laredo has a population of approximately 265,000 and is a national and strategic port of entry bordering the great State of Texas and Mexico.

As the City of Laredo continues to enjoy incredible growth, our most critical issues require proper planning and strategies to sustain such growth. I thank you for taking the time to review our city's perspective on current critical issues, and I personally invite you to visit our great City of Laredo, Texas.

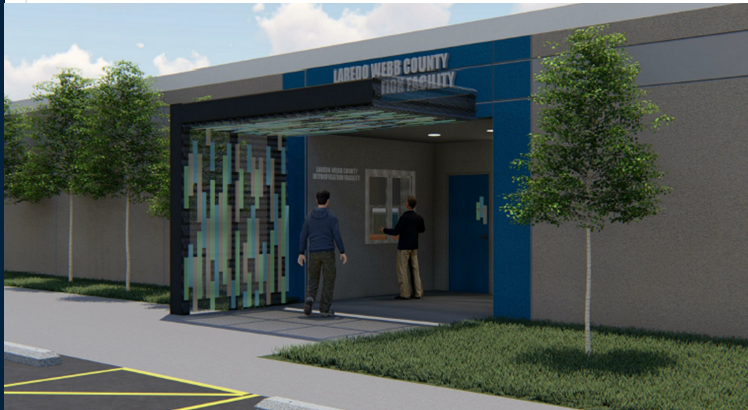


2024 CITY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



Public Health & Human Services

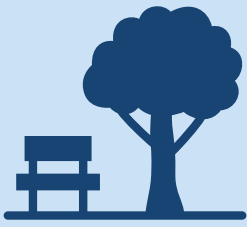
- Support programs and funding mechanisms that allow better access to essential health services such as disease detection and preventive care for vulnerable populations such as under/uninsured and aging populations, as well as those with developmental disabilities. This is especially crucial to address the public health needs of border regions such as the Texas-Mexico border that have unique health challenges due to binational and international vulnerabilities.
- Support legislative actions and programs that provide funding and resources to mitigate the devastating effects of opioid misuse and overdose, as well as programs to support mental health—not only for the community at large but also for first responders.
- Support funding initiatives that assist programs focused on behavioral health and intervention services.



Public Safety

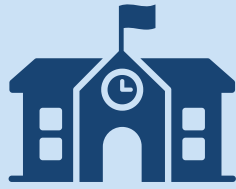
- Support programs, such as the Assistance to Firefighter Grants Program and the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Program, that provide direct financial assistance to fire departments and support their training and recruitment.
- Support programs, such as Operation Stonegarden and the COPS Hiring Program, that provide continued assistance to hire police officers and expand technology and services that enhance public safety and border security.





120

PARKS



94

SCHOOLS



5,512

BUSINESS
ESTABLISHMENTS



\$241B

IN TRADE

Economic & Community Development

- Support initiatives focused on increasing job opportunities in the areas of logistics, international trade, manufacturing, transportation, and agriculture and reducing the costs of exports and imports.
- Support legislation and programs that reduce food deserts and provide partnerships, as well as funding opportunities to service populations in these areas.
- Support increasing funding programs that allow for the acquisition and development of public recreation areas and facilities that are crucial to quality of life.
- Support the continued funding of programs and creation of new programs, such as Community Development Block Grants and Emergency Solution Grants, that provide foundations for local programs that assist in supporting community and housing needs.

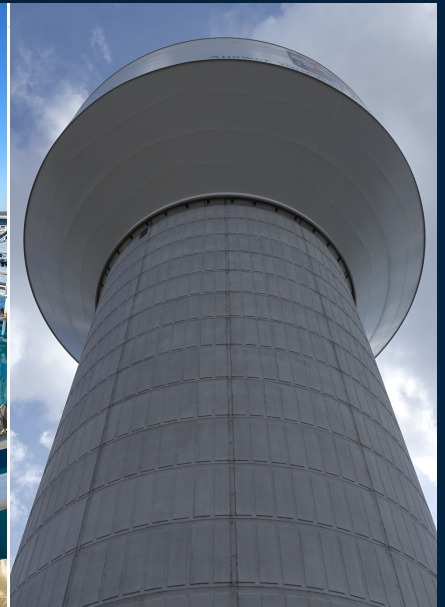
Transportation & Infrastructure

- Support for effective transportation solutions necessary to improve inner-city connectivity, safety, and effectiveness of infrastructure is adequate to continue strengthening Texas' competitive advantage in international trade and promote investment.
- Support legislation and funding programs that allow for the maintenance of local transit systems and the development of their "micro-transit" systems that can reduce traffic in high-traffic areas and create flexibility in local transit.
- Support funding opportunities and advocate for programs that allow Laredo to continue modernizing and expanding services offered through the Laredo International Airport.
- Support the expansion of resources for noise control measures related to airport operations.

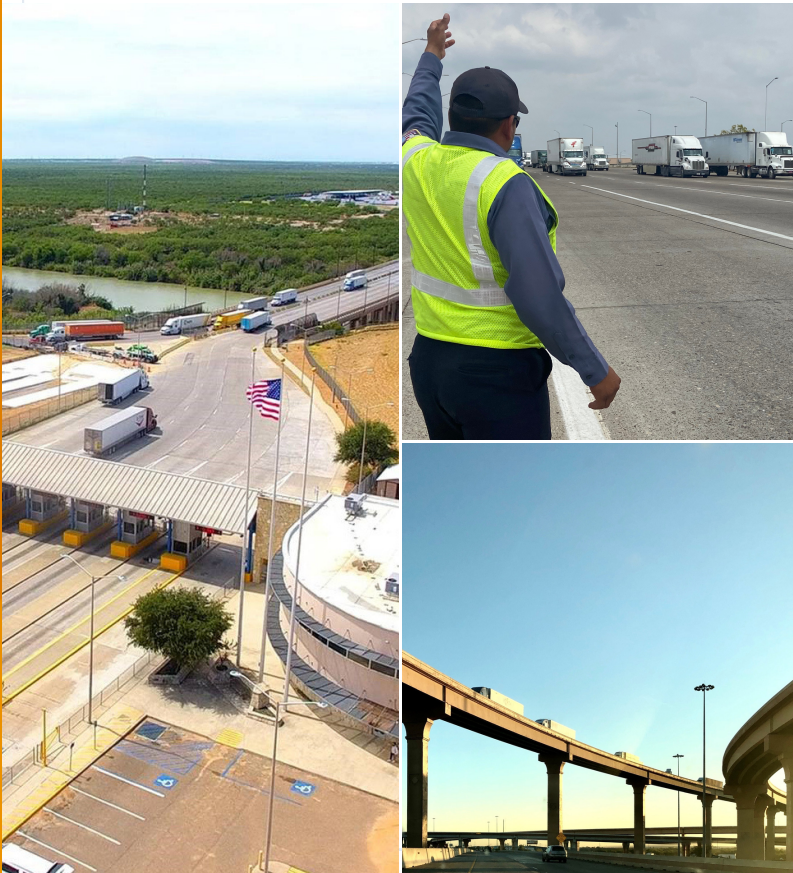


Climate & Environmental Resiliency

- Support legislation and funding programs that support drought resiliency and groundwater storage as secondary water sources.
- Support funding initiatives that promote the use of effluent water reuse that reduces the amount of potable water used for irrigation purposes, especially in high-heat areas such as South Texas.
- Support and advocate for programmatic funding and initiatives that promote urban heat resilience for residents as the number of heat-related issues continues to increase.
- Support continuity of partnerships that allow for the maintenance of invasive species along the local riverfront.
- Support funding opportunities that assist municipalities in implementing strategies to reduce energy use and improve efficiency.
- Support continuity of funding for the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control.
- Support congressional action that directly addresses air quality monitoring and analysis that assist in assessing emissions levels of ethylene oxide and other air pollutants.



Port of Entry and Border Integrity



- Support legislative action that updates guidelines for federal funding to go beyond population and consider other factors such as economic impacts, international advantages, and commercial traffic and trade.
- Support federal legislation that provides expedited and clearer processes and approvals for international infrastructure bridges that are essential for local, state, and federal economies.
- Support federal funding to enhance, expand, and build adequate infrastructure to meet the needs of international commerce along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Support legislation and programs that provide the funding necessary to serve noncitizen migrants who come to/through Laredo and other similar communities.

LAREDO AT-A-GLANCE

#1 PORT
IN THE
U.S.

SIZE OF THE CITY

54,411
ACRES



4

INTERNATIONAL
BRIDGES

NUMBER OF HOUSING UNITS

86,661



POPULATION **267,945**

95% HISPANIC



72% EDUCATION
ABOVE HIGH SCHOOL

FY 2022-2023
CROSSINGS

5.7+ M COMMERCIAL

4.76+ M NON-COMMERCIAL

2.26+ M PEDESTRIAN

UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE

4.6%

MEDIAN AGE

29.7

CIVILIAN WORKFORCE

119,173



Legislative Priorities adopted by City Council on December 3, 2023



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