

## **Public Notice**

### **2019 Austin, Texas Legislative Trip**

Public Notice is hereby given that a Delegation of City officials and City staff will be traveling on Sunday, January 27, 2019, to participate in the City of Laredo's annual legislative trip to Austin, Texas that will consist of the following planned events:

- Delegation breakfasts will take place at the Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, located at 701 Congress Ave., in the Assembly meeting room each morning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 through Thursday, January 31, 2019;
- Various meetings to be attended by less than a quorum of city council members are scheduled at different times/locations with state agencies and officials on Monday, January 28, 2019 through Thursday, January 31, 2019;
- The City of Laredo delegation will be hosted for a meal event with State Representative Richard Pena Raymond; State Representative Tracy King; and State Representative Ryan Guillen at the Roaring Fork Restaurant located at 701 Congress Ave. on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening;
- The Laredo Day Reception is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Capital Ballroom, located at Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel, 701 Congress Ave.
- Members of the City of Laredo's 2019 Austin Delegation include: Mayor Pete Saenz; Council Member Rudy Gonzalez; Council Member Vidal Rodriguez; Council Member Dr. Marte Martinez; Council Member Mercurio Martinez, III; Council Member George J. Altgelt; Council Member Nelly Vielma; Cynthia Collazo, Acting City Manager; Mario Maldonado, Executive Director of Transportation; Blasita J. Lopez, Executive Director of Tourism, Marketing and Communications; Vanessa Guerra, Acting Planning Director; Claudio Trevino, Chief of Police; Dr. Hector Gonzalez, Health Director; John Porter, Environmental Services Director; Aileen Ramos, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director; Rosario Cabello, Chief Innovations Officer; Steve Landin, Fire Chief; Mike Rodriguez, Deputy Police Chief; Claudia San Miguel, El Metro General Manager; Joel Vazquez, Convention and Visitors Bureau Sales Manager; Rafael Benavides, Public Information Officer; Selina Villarreal, Laredo Convention and Visitors Bureau Marketing Manager; Christy Lara, City Council Administrative Assistant; Cristian Rosas Grillet, Assistant City Attorney.
- List of entities to be visited include, but are not limited to:
  - Texas Senate
  - Texas House of Representatives
  - Texas Historical Commission
  - Texas General Land Office
  - Texas Railroad Commission
  - Office of the Governor
  - Texas Public Utility Commission
  - Texas Department of Transportation
  - Texas Department of Public Safety
  - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Listing of state agenda items, as adopted by the Laredo City Council:

#### **Transportation & Mobility Infrastructure**

1. I-69 Widening Project
2. Funding for U.S. 59/Future I-69 W Corridor (US 59/US I69 Business to Havana Drive
3. World Trade Bridge Enhancements: (a)Development and Construction of Additional Bridge Lanes; (b) Relocation and Construction of the FAST Lanes; and (c) a Northbound Weigh-In-Motion System in all Exit Lanes
4. Aviation Sales Tax Dedication Reinvestment
5. Revise Transportation Funding Formula to Support High Volumes of Commercial Traffic

**Homeland, Hometown Security**

- 6. State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) -South Texas Development Council
- 7. Increased Funding of Texas Auto Burglary & Theft Prevention Authority (ABPTA) to Support City of Laredo Auto Theft Task Force (ATTF)
- 8. Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Program
- 9. Texas Peace Officer Applicant Information Database
- 10. Virtual Wall/Bulkhead: Preferred Means to Enhance Border Security
- 11. Emergency Operations Center

**Health & Wellness**

- 12. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Programs
- 13. Law Enforcement Partnership with Border Region Behavioral Health Center
- 14. Designation of a Public Health Regional Fund to Support Public Health, Surveillance and Security for the Texas-Mexico Border
- 15. Laboratory Response Network Certification
- 16. Promote Healthy Food Choices in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Require Nutrition and Wellness Education to Reduce Obesity

**Environmental**

- 17. Chacon Creek to Zacate Creek Hike and Bike Connector Funding
- 18. Re-Initiate Tire Remediation Program
- 19. Legislation to Allow Municipalities to Regulate Single-use Plastic Bag

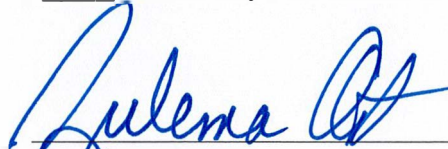
**Governance**

- 20. Waiving the Cost of State IDs and Birth Certificates for Homeless Individuals to reduce Housing Barriers
- 21. Seeking Authorization to Convert Sports Venue Tax for Economic Development Use through Public Referendum
- 22. Maintain Property Revenue Tax Cap at 8%

Please note that at no time during this legislative trip will a vote, order, decision, or any other action be taken on a matter of city business. Furthermore, pursuant to Sections 551.001, 551.002, and 551.0035 of the Texas Government Code, none of the events listed above qualify as a meeting so as to trigger the notice or other requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. For additional or updated information on meeting schedules, please contact the Public Information Office at 956-721-2055 or the City Manager's office at 956-791-7302.

This notice was posted on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. Laredo City Hall located at 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas.

For:

  
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Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City of Laredo City Secretary

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