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November 14, 2012

**WHEREAS**, the Eighty-Third Session of the Texas State Legislature will convene in January 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, many legislative issues affecting local government will be considered; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Dallas has historically adopted a legislative program for consideration by the Legislature;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS;**

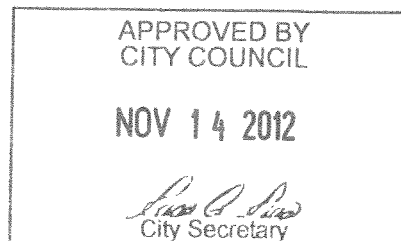
**SECTION 1.** That the 2013 State Legislative Program for the City of Dallas is adopted.

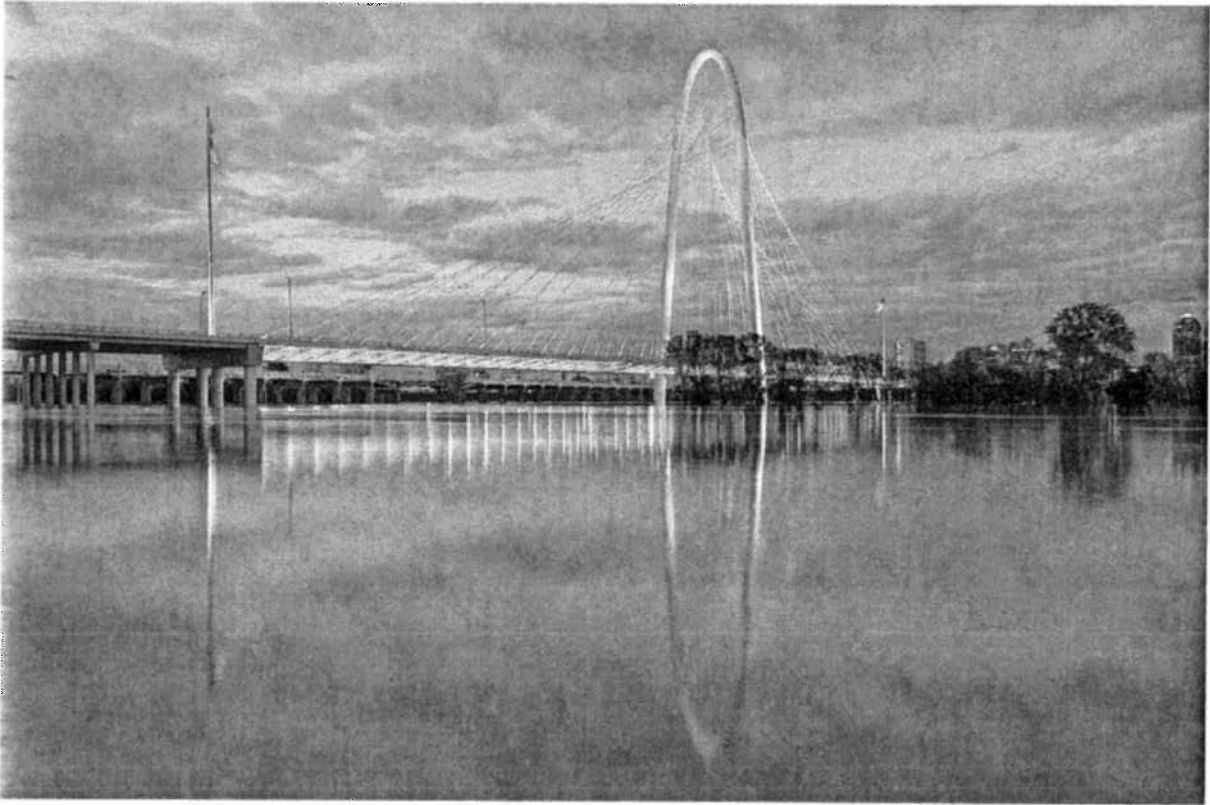
**SECTION 2.** That the City Attorney is directed to communicate the items included in the state legislative program, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**, to members of the Texas Legislature.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Attorney is directed to support legislation that upholds the City of Dallas' home-rule authority, as well as oppose legislation that diminishes resources or home-rule authority.

**SECTION 4.** That for those issues that arise during or prior to the Session for which there is no official City position and there is insufficient time to convene a meeting of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee or the City Council, the Chair of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee is authorized to represent and protect the interests of the City.

**SECTION 5.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas and it is accordingly so resolved.





**City of Dallas Legislative Program for the  
83<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature**



**City of Dallas**

**As approved by the Dallas City Council  
November 14, 2012  
Resolution #  
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**FOR COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**CONSIDERED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2012**

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The City of Dallas will:

- Support legislation to uphold home-rule authority and provision of services to Dallas residents
- Oppose legislation that diminishes home-rule authority
- Oppose legislation that diminishes resources or the City's ability to serve its residents

## LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The City of Dallas will support the following initiatives:

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Secure \$1 million annually for Texas Task Force 2
- Restore the \$200 fine for driving a vehicle without a license plate
- Reinstate Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education funds
- Increase penalty for graffiti repeat offenders and for suspects who flee on foot and enter into a building without consent of owner
- Create an on-premises consumption only license to allow for better regulation of the premises
- Require completion of a social service program for multiple convictions of public intoxication or disorderly conduct

## **ECONOMIC VIBRANCY**

- Support permitting of unique reservoir sites
- Support a funding method for the State Water Plan that targets regional resources/contributions toward regional priorities/projects
- Eliminate unreasonable restrictions on the voluntary transfer of surface water
- Reform Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) legislation
- Allow municipalities to take equity interest, capped at their investment, in economic development projects
- Support funding options for transportation improvements and flexibility in contracting methods

## **CLEAN, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

- Maintain Homeless Housing Services Program funding
- Amend the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program and the Urban Land Bank Program Act to enhance provision of affordable housing
- Allow municipalities to enforce animal control ordinances through civil penalties and quasi-judicial hearings
- Increase penalties for illegal dumping



## **E3 GOVERNMENT**

- Oppose State pre-emption of municipal authority in the regulation of payday lenders, unless proposed legislation provides adequate protections from aggressive and harmful lending practices
- Create a statutory right to withhold date of birth information from required public disclosure
- Protect exception of confidential attorney-client communications and factual portion of policy discussions from required public disclosure
- Allow multiple awards under the Professional Services Procurement Act
- Protect local sales and use taxes and maintain fairness to main street vendors

## **CULTURE, ARTS & RECREATION**

- Eliminate interlibrary loan services as criterion for state accreditation of public libraries
- Foster a competitive Texas Film Incentives Program
- Promote development of film studios and media production

## **EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS**

- Support funding, certification, and residential housing initiatives for UNT campuses