



89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE

Strategic and Legislative Affairs



Overview

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*Goal 6: Set the Standard for Sound
Governance and Fiscal Management*

Where We Are

April 2024 - Met with City departments

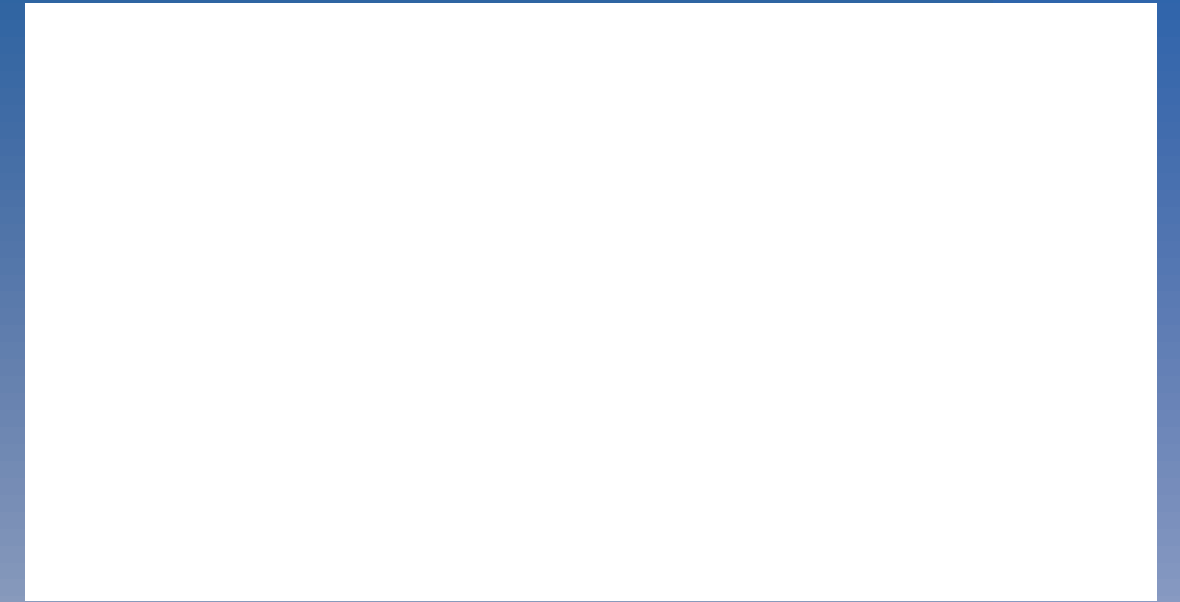
May 2024 - Council adopted state legislative agenda

June 2024 - Shared agenda with state delegation

July 2024 - Met with community partners

November 2024 - Bill filing for 89th Legislature begins

January 2025 - 89th Legislature convenes



El Paso State Delegation

Senator Cesar J. Blanco, D-TX 29



- Serving since 2020
- Senate Committee Assignments:
 - Border Security
 - Health & Human Services
 - Natural Resources & Economic Development
 - Veteran Affairs
 - Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs

Representative Eddie Morales, D-TX 74



- Serving since 2020
- House Committee Assignments:
 - Elections
 - Energy Resources
 - Health Care Reform, Select
 - Local & Consent Calendars



El Paso State Delegation

Representative Mary Gonzalez, D-TX 75



- Serving since 2012
- House Committee Assignments:
 - Appropriations (Vice Chair)
 - Appropriations, Select
 - Higher Education

Representative Vince Perez, D-TX 77



- Inaugurated January 2025
- House Committee Assignments:
 - No assignments yet.



El Paso State Delegation

Representative Joe Moody, D-TX 78

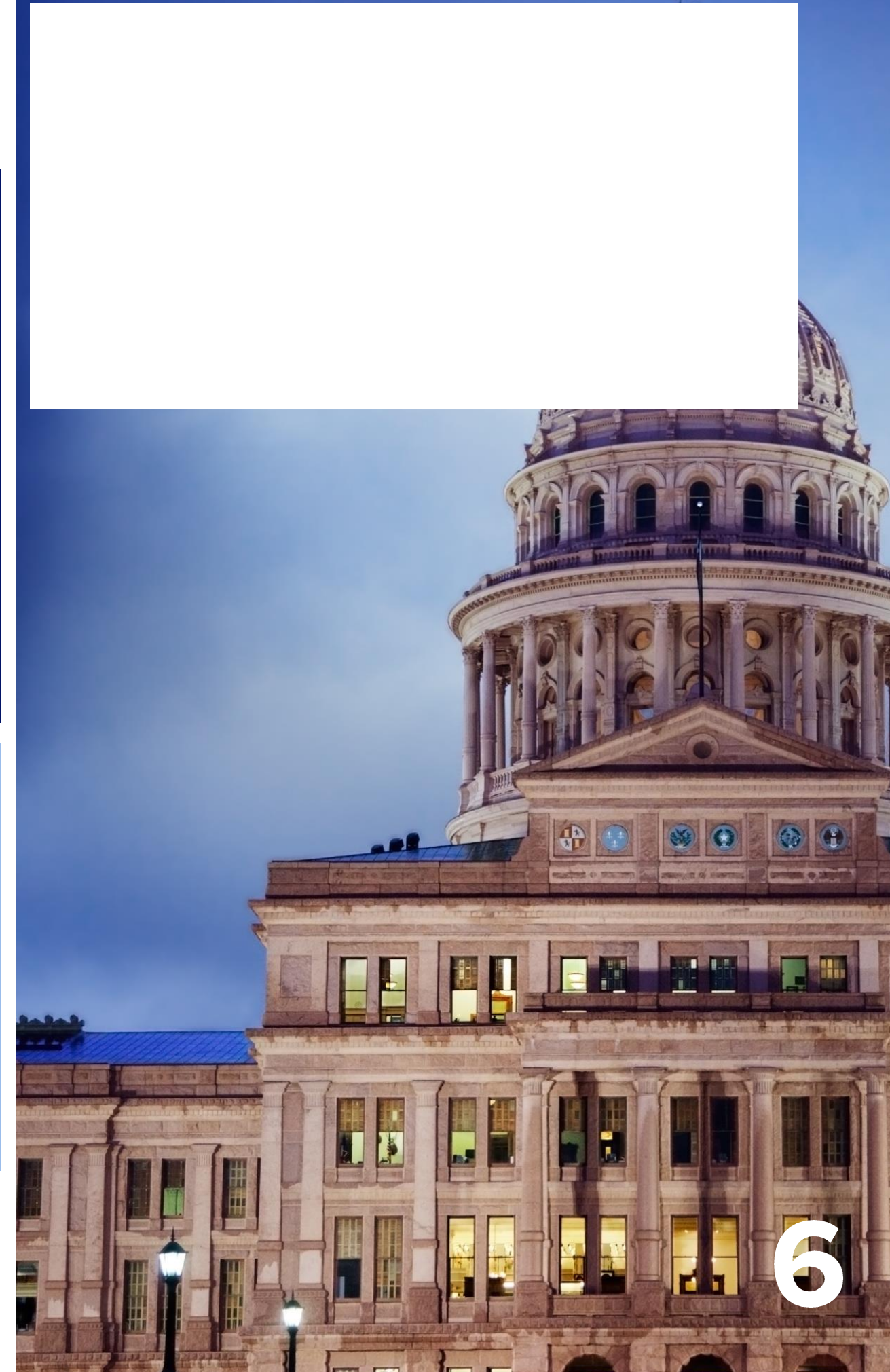


- Serving since 2008
- House Committee Assignments:
 - Community Safety, Select
 - Criminal Jurisprudence
 - House Administration
 - Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
 - Redistricting

Representative Claudia Ordaz, D-TX 79



- Serving since 2020
- House Committee Assignments:
 - International Relations & Economic Development
 - Resolutions Calendars
 - Transportation



Legislative Agenda Priorities

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Infrastructure

- International bridge expansion
- Flood prevention & stormwater management
- Military value projects

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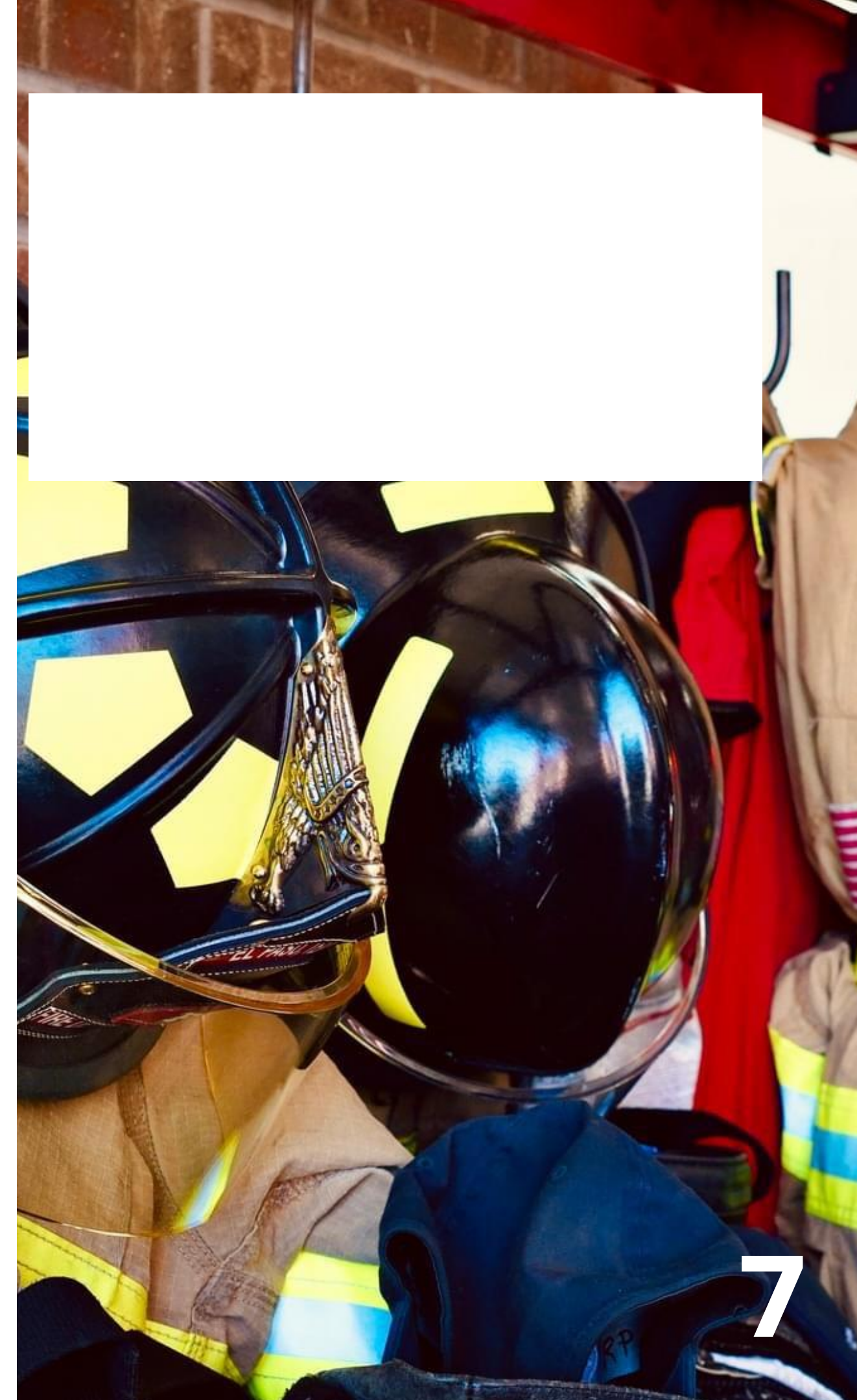
Public Health & Safety

- Funding for equipment
- Support for PFAS gear/equipment changes
- Support for emergency management efforts

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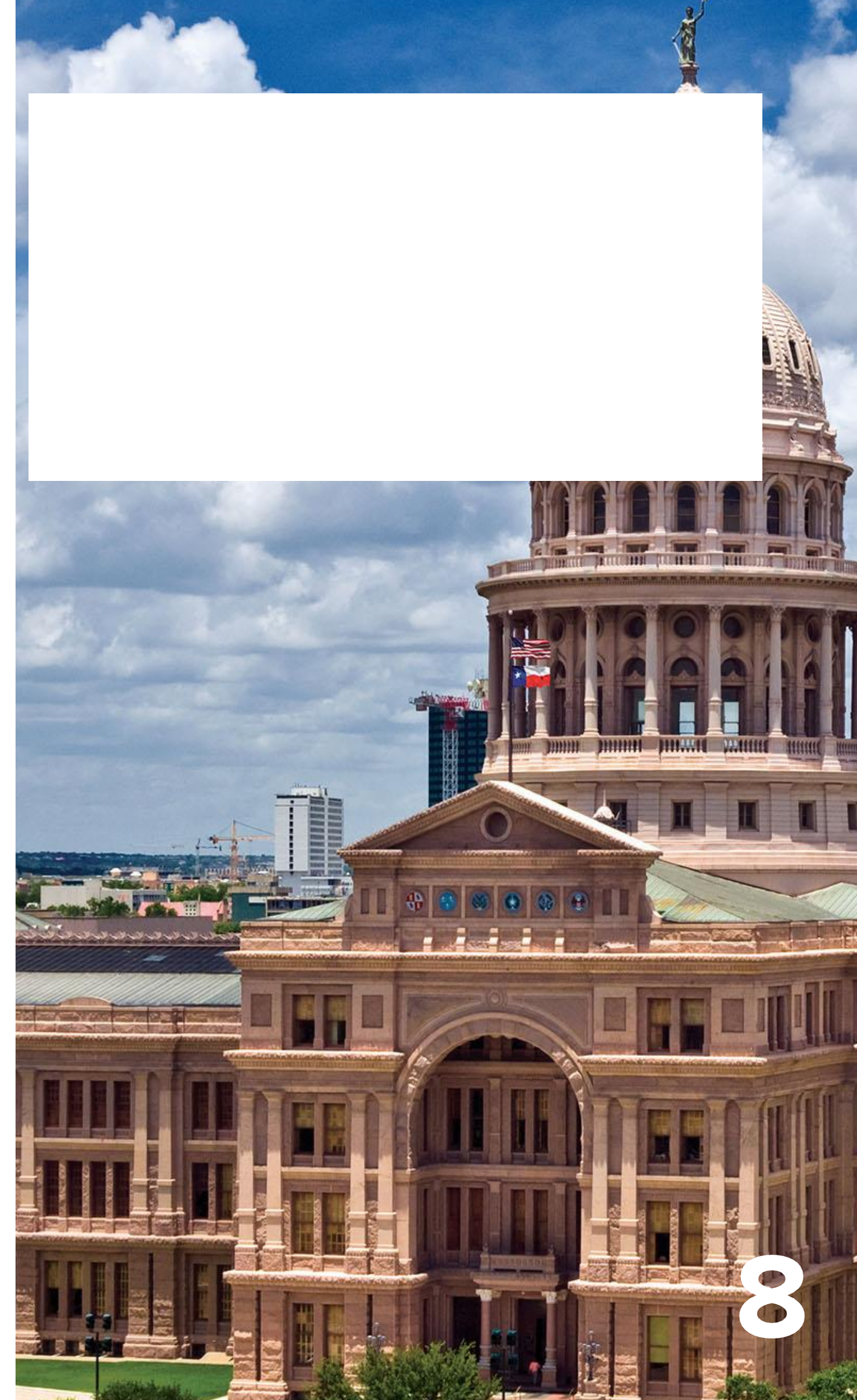
Workforce Development

- Expand workforce development programs
- Retain/create incentive programs for competitive & emerging trades/sectors



Requested Riders

- Riders were determined through discussions with City Council and city departments.
 - Were vetted with the City Attorney's Office and presented to City Council in September 2024.
 - Shared with state delegation in October 2024.
- Riders observe the 3 legislative agenda priorities



Ysleta Port of Entry International Trade Expansion Project

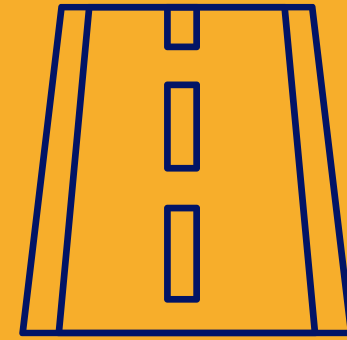
- \$10M rider request will support infrastructure gap funding to expand southbound commercial traffic lanes through:



**Modernization
Development Study**



**Pavement Markings,
Striping, & Lane Dividers**



**Additional Lane &
Lane Assignments**



Bridge Inspections



**Cargo Restroom &
Breakroom Area**



**E-Fast Pass Office
Expansion**



**Building
Improvements**

Bill Tracking At-A-Glance

2,500 Bills Filed

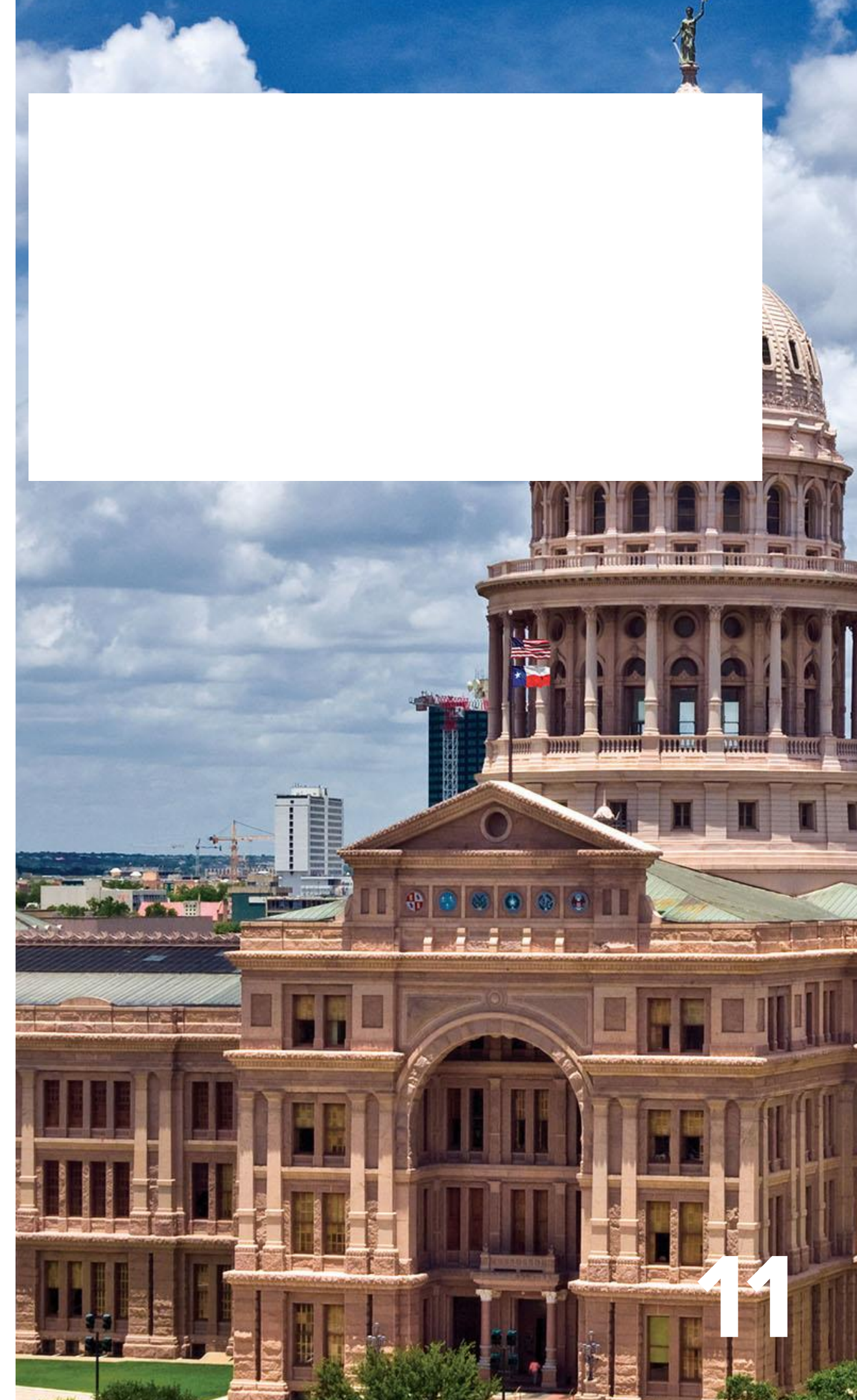
345 Bills Tracked

- Major focus on school vouchers and property taxes
- Bill filing deadline: March 14, 2025



General Legislative Principles

- **We Support:**
 - City's ability to solve problems and improve our community's quality of life.
 - TML and community partner initiatives that enhance the educational, cultural, and infrastructural resources in our region.
 - The enhancement and protection of municipal authority.
- **We Oppose:**
 - The reduction of municipal authority, increased costs to taxpayers, undermining of the home rule principle, unfunded mandates, and municipal ordinance-making authority.



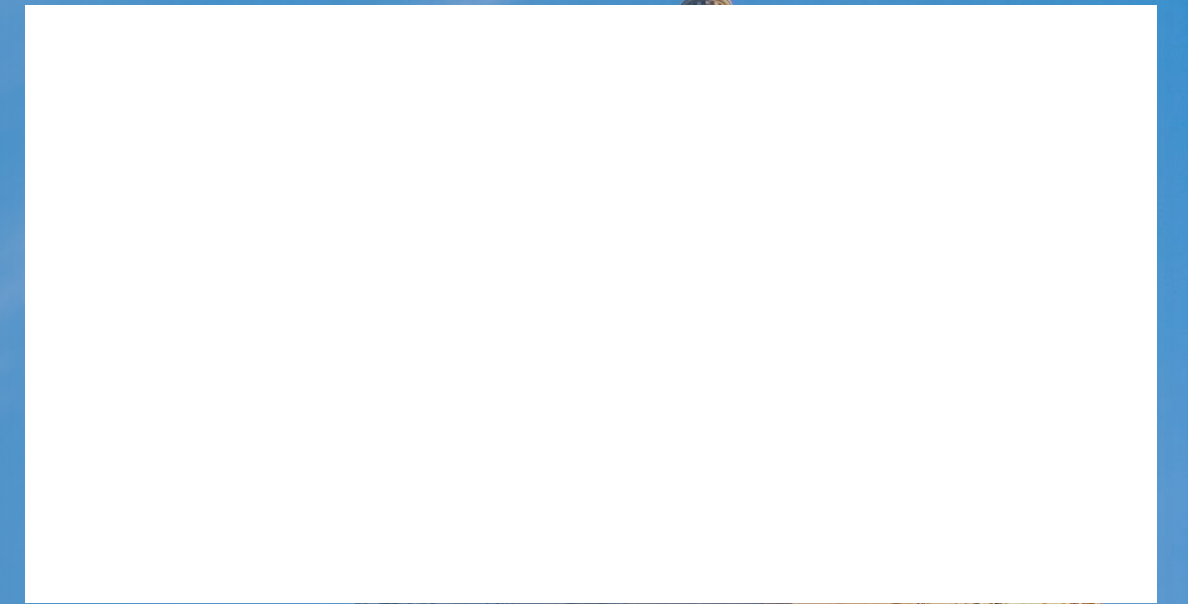
Texas Municipal League Priorities

- Bills regarding zoning preemption and land use are anticipated to restrict municipal authority
 - Example: HB 878
- Will oppose bills that reduce or remove ETJs
- Will support bills that remove the reauthorization of street and maintenance fee provision requirements



Council Requested Action

Resolution to adopt the State Legislative Agenda for the regular session of the 89th Texas State Legislature.



MISSION

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life & place for our community.



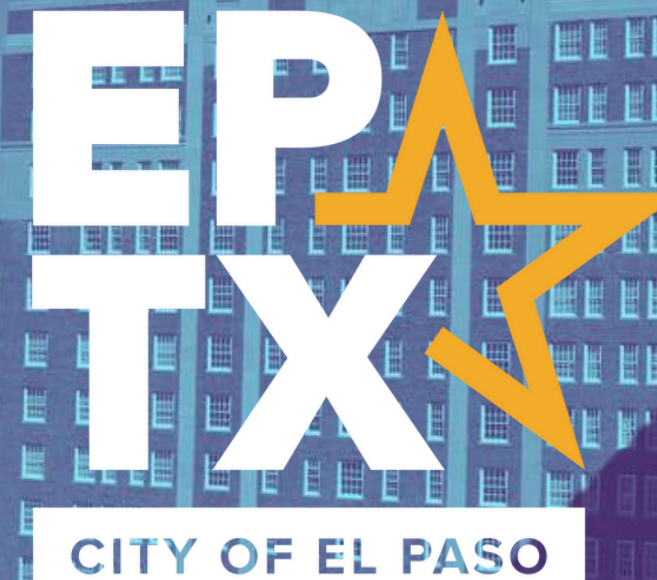
VISION

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe & beautiful neighborhoods, & exceptional recreational, cultural & educational opportunities powered by a high performing government



VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Accountability, People



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A presentation by
Snapper Carr of
Focused Advocacy

