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Memorandum

DATE January 3, 2025

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Legislative Advocacy Subject Matter Leaders**

As we prepare for the upcoming legislative session, it is critical that we coordinate our efforts to effectively advocate for the City of Dallas' priorities at the state level. To ensure a strategic approach, each legislative topic will have an individual Council Member who will serve as the lead advocate for that topic as bills are developed and heard in committee.

The assignments are based on each Council Member's interests, city committee assignments, personal knowledge, and passions. Each assignment will be finalized in agreement with the respective Council Member to ensure alignment with their expertise and readiness to represent the City's interests.

Each Council Member listed below will be responsible for:

1. Advocating: Representing the City's position to legislators, stakeholders, and other decision-makers.
2. Testifying: Serving as the City's voice in committee hearings, when necessary.

City staff will monitor and track relevant bills, keeping the specific councilmember, and the council as a whole, informed on developments. Legislative activities are dynamic and strategic. The combination of City Council and staff participation will be important in achieving our goals with guidance from our Legislative Director and Office of Government Affairs.

Our Monday, January 6th ad hoc committee meeting will review all priorities, identify potential updates, and consider adding or removing topics based on bills filed, priorities publicly announced by state leaders, and staff recommendations. This meeting will allow us to refine our approach and ensure our efforts remain focused on the most pressing issues for the City of Dallas.

Legislative Topics and Assignments

Legislative Priority	Council Member
AI	Mendelsohn
Animals	Ridley
AV advancement	Narvaez
AV reporting	Mendelsohn

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Broadband	Resendez
Citizenship-related	Resendez
Copper wire community impact	Arnold
Copper wire public safety	Mendelsohn
DART	Narvaez
Domestic violence	Willis
Economic development	Atkins
Election dates	West
Environmental	Stewart
Equity	Bazaldua
Foster/post-foster care	Mendelsohn
Gambling	West
Homelessness	Moreno
Housing	Moreno
HSR funding	Bazaldua
HSR route/streetcars	Narvaez
LGBTQ	Narvaez
Local control	Blackmon
Marijuana	West
Mental health	
Nutrition programs	Arnold
Opioid policy	Blackmon
Opioid test strips	Bazaldua
Park funding/sustainability	Stewart
Pension	Atkins
PFC/HFC	Moreno
Physical health	
Public safety	Mendelsohn
Publication of notices	Arnold
Real estate disclosure/transparency	Blackmon
Residential speed limits	Narvaez
Road cleanliness	Narvaez
Sanitation/landfill	Ridley
Solar	Ridley
Sports	Gracey
Squatting	Moreno
Taxpayer funded lobbying	Blackmon
TIF for displacement	Bazaldua

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Tourism	Willis
Vision Zero	Narvaez
Water	Mendelsohn
Welcome communities	
Worker protections	Willis
Workforce	

Thank you for your commitment to advancing the City of Dallas's legislative priorities. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or input.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 214-670-4067.

Sincerely,



Cara Mendelsohn
Council Member – District 12

- c:
- Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager (I)
 - Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
 - Mark Swann, City Auditor
 - Billieae Johnson, City Secretary
 - Preston Robinson, Administrative Judge
 - Dominique Artis, Chief of Public Safety (I)
 - Dev Rastogi, Assistant City Manager
 - M. Elizabeth (Liz) Cedillo-Pereira, Assistant City Manager
 - Alina Ciocan, Assistant City Manager
 - Donzell Gipson, Assistant City Manager (I)
 - Robin Bentley, Assistant City Manager (I)
 - Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
 - Elizabeth Saab, Chief of Strategy, Engagement, and Alignment (I)
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