










City of University Park & Town of Highland Park Legislative Priorities 89th Texas Legislature

This City of University Park & Town of Highland Park are guided by a legislative philosophy that opposes legislation that erodes authority to govern local affairs. As elected officials, we represent the level of government closest to the people. We bear primary responsibility for provision of capital infrastructure and for ensuring the health and safety of citizens.

	Priorities	Prior Bills
	Support legislation that preserves single-family zoning, lot size requirements, parking standards, regulations for accessory dwelling units and other local zoning rules that address density.	SB 1787 Bettencourt SB 1412 Hughes
	Support legislation that requires e-bike operators on city streets to be licensed with the knowledge of the rights and duties applicable to drivers of motor vehicles, and allow municipal governments to pass reasonable regulations.	
	Support legislation that provides equitable and transparent funding of mass transit in urbanized metropolitan areas, and provides for financial partnerships between cities and transit authorities to fund local transportation projects.	SB 1370 Paxton HB 3146 Shaheen
	Oppose legislation that would eliminate the use of certain debt instruments by a city, including certificates of obligation for funding infrastructure projects such as water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street paving, as well as any legislation that would impose further revenue and/or tax caps of any type.	HB 1489 Tepper HB 4082 Goldman/Bettencourt
	Seek introduction and passage of legislation that would promote pay as you go for capital expenditures by authorizing a dedicated property tax that is classified similarly to the debt service tax rate in property tax rate calculations.	
	Support legislation that would allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue for construction of improvements in municipal parks and trails/sidewalks that connect parks, lodging establishments, tourist attractions and related public facilities.	SB 1208 Blanco
	Support legislation that provides an analysis of changes to sales tax collections by City if sourcing of sales tax is modified.	HB 5089 Meyer
	Oppose any legislation that would limit or prohibit the authority of city/town officials to use municipal funds to communicate with legislators; as well as pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists.	SB 175 Middleton
	Oppose any legislation that would limit, erode, or remove the doctrine of qualified immunity for public officials and employees (emphasis for public safety personnel).	
	Support the introduction of legislation that expands the confidentiality of certain home address information to include current and former city employees of a municipality.	HB 1911 Burrows