

## **City of McKinney 2016 Legislative Priorities**

The City of McKinney was recently named #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America by *Money* Magazine, and we strive to maintain a quality of life worthy of that designation.

The City of McKinney, through its various governmental agencies and business community, promote the following legislative priorities in an effort to collaborate and maintain a good working relationship with our state legislators.

### **LOCAL CONTROL**

- Local Finances
- As a municipality, the City of McKinney is opposed to legislation that would:
  - Impose revenue caps of any type, including but not limited to:
    - a reduced rollback rate
    - mandatory tax rate ratification elections
    - lowered rollback petition requirements
    - limitations on overall city expenditures
    - exclusion of the new property adjustment in effective rate and rollback rate calculations
- Lower the rollback rate and give the City Council the option to raise the rollback rate again
- Impose new property tax exemptions that substantially erode the tax base
- Negatively expand appraisal caps
- Appraisals should reflect the true market of the value of the property
- Oppose legislation that would decrease the current artificial cap of no more than a 10% increase on property appraisal values per year
- Oppose legislation which would impact the City of McKinney's ability to annex property within its extra territorial jurisdiction

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Type A/Type B Sales Tax Revenue
  - Support continued use of locally approved ½ cent sales tax collected by cities to fund economic development efforts
  - Oppose efforts to reduce local control of these funds or efforts to expand the uses of these funds to areas not intended for Type A and Type B without local election
    - Because these funds are local funds, taxpayers should retain the right to manage their use for community and economic development
- Tax abatements and other economic development incentives

- Continue to support local control and flexibility in the use of tax abatements, tax increment financing, reinvestment zones, and other incentives to promote economic development and job creation
- Support including Corporate Headquarters as an eligible project for Chapter 313 value limitation from the school district
- Support all state wide programs which consist of the promotion of economic growth in the aerospace and aviation industries.
- Support state funding for International Economic Development
- Support for streamlining the Texas process for economic development incentives

## **EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**

- Support funding measures to maintain a strong public school system
  - A strong public school system is a key component to economic development for companies that are expanding or relocating to the City of McKinney.
- Support increased funding for workforce education programs in Texas high schools.
- Support increases in local control
- Oppose revenue caps of any kind

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Further increase Texas Department of Transportation funding
- Continue to support legislative plan to fund the state's transportation needs through the current motor vehicle sales tax and the associated transportation related debt.
- Advocate for proper allocation of Proposition 1 Funds in fast growth communities, like McKinney and Collin County
- McKinney Road Priorities
  - Laud Howell Connector from U.S. 75 to Lake Forest Drive
    - Provides an alternative to U.S. 380 by building a new location roadway connecting U.S. 75 to the Lake Forest and F.M. 1461 intersection, thereby completing the connection of F.M. 1461 from the Dallas North Tollway to U.S.
  - SH 5 Construction from F.M. 546 to U.S. 380
    - Implement the findings of a City/NCTCOG/TxDOT Study, including paving, median, sidewalk, landscape, lighting, and other enhancements
  - Custer Road (FM 2478) From US 380 to FM 1461
    - Project to increase roadway capacity and make geometric improvements to improve the safety of the roadway.
- Support opportunities to link transportation and land use surrounding public use and general aviation airports

- Support legislation that provides tools that can be used at the local level to promote compatible growth around public use and general aviation airports
- Support increased funding to foster airport development for public use and general aviation airports to meet future demands

## **TAXES & SPENDING**

- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute in a manner that provides all Texas cities the authority to spend hotel occupancy tax revenue on existing sports facilities and fields in a manner that promotes tourism within the City
- Support amendments to the hotel occupancy tax statute that would rebate a portion of the state Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) revenues to Texas cities for use in the development, maintenance, and operations of convention centers and other meeting facilities
- Support increased HOT collection authority for local governments and efforts to provide increased consequences for nonpayment

## **WATER**

- Support efforts and legislation that would allocate state funding to increase water supply within the state including, but not limited to:
  - the development of additional reservoirs
  - the extension of pipelines/pumping systems to transport available water from outside the region/state
  - the development of non-conventional water supply resources, such as desalination, water reuse, etc.
- Oppose legislation that would mandate specific regional/statewide water conservation measures and reduce local control of water conservation within individual municipalities

## **ELECTIONS**

- Oppose efforts to eliminate the May Uniform Election Date and require all municipal elections to be held in November

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT**

- Support efforts to allow for internet publication of legal notices rather than requiring publication in a paper of record.

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of nearly 161,090. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments.

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