

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF MISSION RESOLUTION ON STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2025

**WHEREAS** access to sustainable water sources is critical to the health, safety, and economic stability of our community;

**WHEREAS**, funding is essential to maintain sustainable water necessary to meet growing demand and ensure high-quality, reliable water services for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, retaining water rights is vital to maintaining control over our local water resources for the benefit of our residents and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for transportation infrastructure is essential for improving regional connectivity, reducing traffic congestion, promoting economic growth and trade from the Anzalduas Bridge to regional areas; and

**WHEREAS**, moving the City of Mission municipal elections from May to November will increase voter turnout, lower costs, and align with broader electoral schedules, promoting civic engagement and resource efficiency; and

**WHEREAS** certain fiber internet companies have pursued installations without adequate municipal oversight or input, resulting in concerns related to safety, property integrity, and city planning; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting the reduction of property taxes as most Texans face some of the highest property tax rates in the nation and fiscal responsibility is a major tenant of municipal government.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Mission will pursue legislative efforts to:

1. Identify and secure sustainable water sources in collaboration with state and local agencies to safeguard long-term water access.
2. Seek funding for water infrastructure ensuring that it meets current and future needs of the community.
3. Preserve local water rights, advocating for policies that prevent external acquisition and ensure that water rights remain under local jurisdiction.
4. Seek funding for transportation infrastructure to support regional connectivity.
5. Support legislative action to move the City of Mission municipal elections from May to November, as supported by the voters through a referendum, to lessen the cost to taxpayers, enhance voter convenience by decreasing the frequency of elections, reducing potential voter fatigue, and encouraging broader public input in local government; the consolidation of election dates can increase voter turnout by aligning local elections with higher-profile state and federal elections held in November, thereby fostering greater civic engagement. The reduction of costs
6. Support legislation that mandates right-of-way permitting for fiber installation projects, thus allowing the city to coordinate and manage infrastructure in a way that protects both public resources and residents' interests.
7. Support property tax relief for homeowners and businesses.

Approved on this the \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2024.

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Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

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Anna Carrillo, City Secretary