



114th Congress

City of Austin Federal Legislative Program

Current Congress - National



113th Congress

■ Senate:

- 53 Democrats
- 45 Republicans
- 2 Independents

■ House:

- 233 Republicans
- 199 Democrats
- 3 vacant

114th Congress

■ Senate:

- 52 Republicans
- 43 Democrats
- 2 Independents
- 3 Undecided

■ House:

- 243 Republicans
- 176 Democrats
- 16 Undecided

Current Congress - Texas



- Texas Delegation:
 - Senate – John Cornyn (R), Ted Cruz (R)
 - House – 25 Republicans, 11 Democrats

- Central Texas Delegation:
 - Michael McCaul (R-10), Homeland Security; Foreign Affairs; Science, Space & Technology
 - Bill Flores (R-17), Budget; National Resources; Veterans' Affairs
 - Lamar Smith (R-21), Science, Space & Technology; Homeland Security; Judiciary
 - Roger Williams (R-25), Budget; Transportation & Infrastructure
 - John Carter (R-31), Appropriations
 - Lloyd Doggett (D-35), Ways and Means

Congress – Budget Issues



- Budget:
 - \$1.012 Trillion Continuing Resolution ends December 11
 - Congress scheduled to return for Lane Duck after November 11
- Sequester:
 - \$1.012 Billion cut for FY2014 Budget
 - Estimated \$1.013 Billion to \$1.145 Billion for FY2015 – FY2021

Consultants



- Capital Edge
 - Onion Creek
 - General Appropriations
 - Scheduling
- Holland & Knight
 - Aviation
 - Surface Transportation
 - Scheduling
- National League of Cities
- U. S. Conference of Mayors

General Principles



The City of Austin opposes any legislative or regulatory actions that:

- Erode the home rule authority of municipalities,
- Constrain the ability of the City of Austin to allocate resources to areas of locally determined concern, or
- Preempt City of Austin authority in matters generally and traditionally the domain of local government.

General Principles



The City of Austin supports policies and legislation that:

- Provide an equitable distribution of federal funds,
- Address the concerns and needs of large metropolitan center cities in the areas of transportation, public safety, affordable housing, vibrant and healthy neighborhoods, energy and the environment,
- Recognize the important role of strong central cities in our nation's economy and as innovators in broad areas of public policy,
- Provide a solid safety net for economically vulnerable populations, and
- Recognize the challenge of climate change and the need to develop economically sustainable ways to address it.

Federal Program



- Onion Creek
- Surface Transportation
 - Urban Transit
 - IH-35
 - Intercity Passenger Rail
 - Violet Crown Trail System
 - Waller Creek Multi-Use Trail
- Tax Exempt Bonds

Federal Program



- General Statement of Legislative Focus
 - Federal Mandates
 - Deficit Reduction
 - Citizens United
 - Comprehensive Immigration Reform
 - Gun Control
 - Pay Disparity
- Aviation
- Housing & Community Development
 - CDBG and HOME
 - Cultural Arts

Federal Program



- Public Health
- Public Safety
 - Public Safety Communications
 - Firefighting
 - Homeland Security
- Tax Credits and Revenue
 - Sales Tax Fairness
 - New Markets Tax Credit

Federal Program



- Telecommunications
 - Local Authority
 - Rights of Way
 - Fees and Revenues
 - Internet Content Privacy
- Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
 - Water Reclamation

Questions?

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