



Election Update & Federal Legislative Agenda

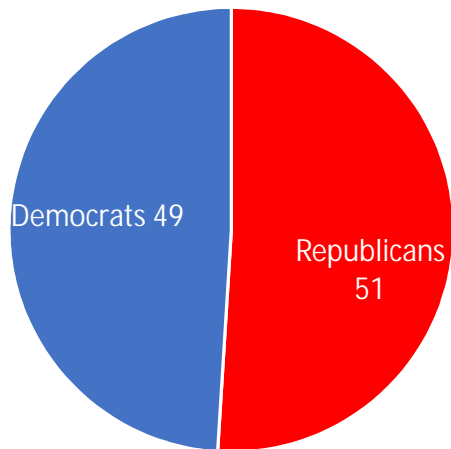
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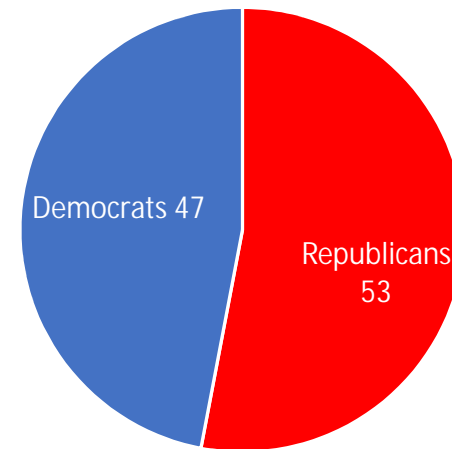
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2018 ELECTIONS - SENATE

115th Congress - Senate

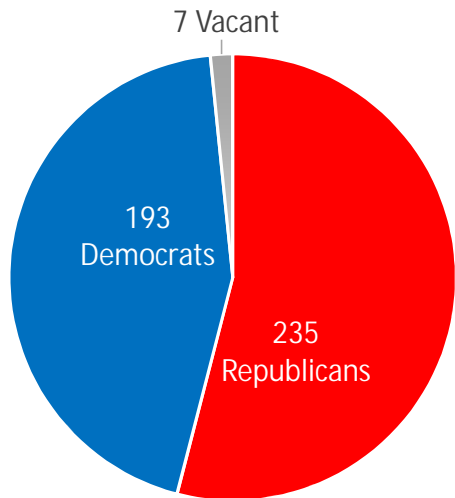


116th Congress - Senate

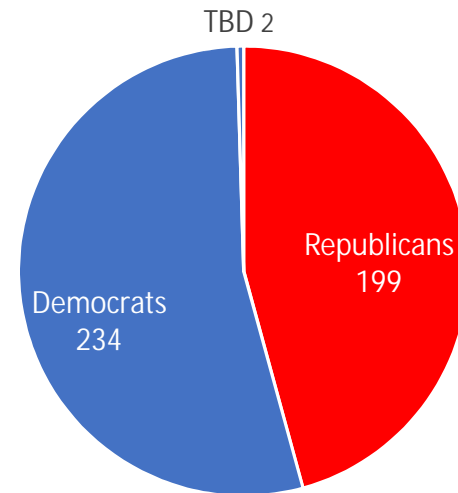


2018 ELECTIONS - HOUSE

115th Congress - House



116th Congress - House



TEXAS FEDERAL DELEGATION: NEW MEMBERS

The Texas delegation will have several new faces in the 116th Congress.

- Representative-elect **Dan Crenshaw** (R-2) replace Representative **Ted Poe**
- Representative-elect **Van Taylor** (R-3) replaces Representative **Sam Johnson**
- Representative-elect **Lance Gooden** (R-5) replaces Representative **Jeb Hensarling**
- Representative-elect **Ron Wright** (R-6) replaces Representative **Joe Barton**
- Representative-elect **Lizzie Pannill Fletcher** (D-7) defeated Representative **John Culberson**
- Representative-elect **Veronica Escobar** (D-16) replaces Representative **Beto O'Rourke**
- Representative-elect **Chip Roy** (R-21) replaces Representative **Lamar Smith**
- Representative-elect **Sylvia Garcia** (D-29) replaces Representative **Gene Green**
- Representative-elect **Colin Allred** (D-32) defeated Representative **Pete Sessions**

AUSTIN FEDERAL DELEGATION



John Cornyn



Ted Cruz



Michael McCaul (R-TX10)



Bill Flores (R-TX17)



Chip Roy (TX21)



Roger Williams (TX-25)



John Carter (TX-31)



Lloyd Doggett (TX-35)

POLITICAL CLIMATE: WHAT IT COULD MEAN FOR CITIES

- Overall, divided government will constrain legislating
- The House will focus on “message” and “platform” bills and oversight
- The Senate will focus on nominations
- Infrastructure may be an exception to gridlock
- Local Authority Challenges
- The Administration will continue to move its deregulatory agenda
- Cities will have to work hard to maintain funding for core local government programs in FY 2020



116TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION: KEY ISSUES

- Budget
 - Sequestration and FY 2020 Appropriations
- Infrastructure
 - Surface Transportation Reauthorization
 - Infrastructure Package?
- Local Control
 - Telecommunications: Preserving Ability To Manage Rights-of-way
 - Cable Franchising
 - Autonomous Vehicles
 - Drones
- Immigration
- Public Safety
 - Increasing Funding For Homeland Security and UASI
 - Gun Control
- Regulations
- U.S. Army Futures Command
- Public Health
 - Opioids
 - Increasing Funding and Expansion of Services
- Housing and Community Development
 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - New Markets, Fair Housing and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - Increased 10% to \$3.3 billion in FY 2018
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
 - Increased 43% to 1.362 billion in FY 2018
- Key Issues for 2019:
 - CDBG & HOME Funding
 - Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Enhancement
 - New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC) Renewal



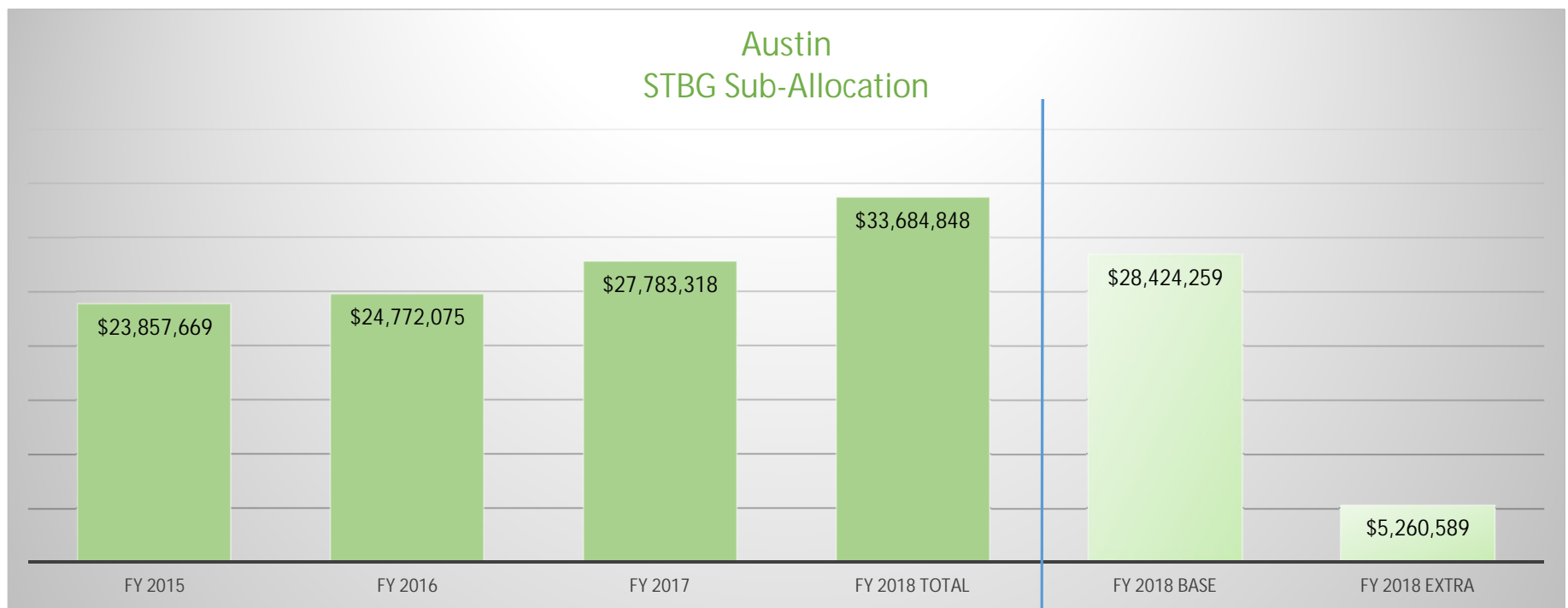
ABIA EXPANSION

- Five year reauthorization of federal aviation programs is largely a status quo bill.
- One major change: the new law requires FAA to create a regulatory framework for drones
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) awarded \$12,752,721 in airport infrastructure grants
- Includes \$10.1 million in discretionary funds:
 - Expand paved aircraft area by 48 acres
 - Enlarge existing taxiways
- Continues the support from the DOT and FAA for Austin airport apron expansion:
 - Phase I (2016): \$14,518,190
 - Phase II (2017): \$14,938,574



SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Austin
STBG Sub-Allocation



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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION

Infrastructure Package?

Can President Trump and a divided Congress work together to produce an infrastructure package?

- Obstacles include deficit concerns and politics.
- If they can overcome those obstacles, cities will have to work hard to ensure urban areas receive a fair share.

FAST Act Reauthorization

- The 116th Congress will also begin work on the reauthorization of federal highway and transit programs, which expire at the end of FY 2020.
- Cities will have to work hard to maintain and increase sub-allocation of federal highway funds to the urbanized areas, to maintain and grow the Transportation Alternatives Program, and possibly to maintain the federal transit program.



LOCAL CONTROL

Local control faced challenges in 2018.

- Cities turned back broad preemption of local regulation of unmanned aerial vehicles
- Cities also turned back Senate Commerce Committee language that would have preempted local zoning and right-of-way authority

On a less positive note, three recently issued Federal Communications Commission orders represent a significant assault on the local government authority and city budget.

- Small Cell Order
- Cable In-Kind Proposed Rule

Both of those challenges will be back in the 116th Congress.



STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION

- 20171005-034 (Council Member Casar): Support comprehensive immigration reform, including DACA; oppose border wall; oppose further militarization of border and expansion of private prisons for purposes of detaining immigrants.
- 20171207-054 (Council Member Alter) : Support legislation that would prevent access to firearms by domestic abusers; support legislation that regulates bump stocks; oppose legislation that would deregulate silencers.
- 20180201-067 (Council Member Garza): Affirm support for existing federal legislative agenda on immigration issues.
- 20180524-038 (Mayor Adler): Review opportunities for federal or state policy discussions and funding for drug overdose and opioid abuse response.
- 20180628-124 (Council Member Garza): support policies that keep families together and out of detention centers, provides for immediate reunification of families already separated, and stops needlessly prosecuting border crossing offenses. Oppose any immigration policy that results in criminal prosecution or mass incarceration of migrants, including children, the use of for-profit private prisons to enforce immigration laws, or families being forcibly separated.



QUESTIONS?



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