



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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MYR - Texas Municipal League Membership Renewal 2021-2022

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Background:

The Texas Municipal League (TML) has a membership of 1,150 cities and exists solely to provide services to Texas cities. TML is an effective organization for Texas municipalities, both large and small, advocating positions on pending legislation to members of both the Texas Legislature and Congress. The organization employs full-time attorneys who are available to provide advice and information on municipal legal matters. TML sponsors conferences and educational events and publishes informational materials to keep members apprised of current issues affecting municipal government.

During the last regular legislative session, TML continued its role as spokesman for cities. More than 7,000 bills were filed with approximately 2,000 of those impacting cities in Texas in the regular session. TML reads and analyzes each bill and meets with the cities each week during the regular session to coordinate testimony and strategize with a focus on defeating legislation that would erode municipal authority and local control or that would otherwise be detrimental to cities.

TML advocates for cities on a wide range of issues, including transportation, water, economic development, and job creation.

During the interim, TML monitors and advises cities on all interim committees and issues.

Vice Mayor Pro Tem Martha Castex-Tatum is the current president of the organization. City staff members are represented at policy meetings.

TML hosted its annual conference in Houston October 6-8, 2021 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Registrations were approximately 2550 along with an estimated 2,000 exhibitor and sponsor personnel. The last conference held in Houston, in 2017, had an approximate \$2,884,712.00 positive impact on our local economy.

Membership dues remain the same as last year and are based on population. Membership renewal with the Texas Municipal League is recommended.

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Description

TML Membership Invoice 2021-2022

TML Membership Renewal Letter 2021-2022

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