



CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

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Texas Municipal League Membership Renewal 2016

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Summary:

Annual Membership Renewal in the Texas Municipal League

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 grassroots organization for Texas municipalities, both large and small, with regard to 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 legislative session, TML continued its role as spokesman for cities. Over 6,400 bills were filed with over 1,600 of those directly impacting cities in Texas. TML reads and analyzes each bill and meets with the cities each week during 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.

City staff members serve on various policy committees including Transportation and Rights-of-Way, Regulation of Development, Revenue and Finance, and the General Government Committee. The City also has Council representation on the Executive Board of Directors.

TML hosted its annual conference in Houston in 2014 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. Attendance was estimated at more than 4,000 with an approximate \$4 million positive impact on our local economy. The conference returns to Houston in 2017.

Membership dues reflect an increase of \$1,824 over last year and are based on population. Membership renewal with the Texas Municipal League is recommended.


 Bill Kelly, Director of Government Relations

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