

Each biennium the Commissioners Court of Bexar County adopts a program to communicate its position on federal issues, which is intended to be a guide for the county's governmental affairs efforts during the congressional session.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF BEXAR COMMISSIONERS COURT ADOPTED ITS:

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 117TH UNITED STATES CONGRESS

<b>PASSED</b>	AND APPE	ROVED b	y the Commissioners	Court of the	County of Bexar,	Texas on
this the	9th	day of	February	, 2021.		

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Air Quality – promote environmental stewardship while streamlining the federal process.

**Behavioral Health** – prevent and treat mental illness and substance abuse disorders, allow pretrial jailed individuals to continue receiving health benefits until convicted and sentenced, and support permanent telehealth billable waivers as allowed during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**Community & Economic Development** – provide affordable housing to low income individuals, and focus on job creation by strategic investments.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety – reduction of mentally ill inmates in county jails, and increased reimbursement for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

**Digital Inclusion** – ensure all individuals and communities, especially the most disadvantaged, have access to and use of information and communication technologies.

**Elections** – increased funding to meet federal requirements, while protecting local control over elections administration and providing an accessible and secure voting process for all.

**Health** – prevent and treat mental illness and substance abuse disorders, and allow pre-trial jailed individuals to continue receiving health benefits until convicted and sentenced.

**Heritage & Parks** – resources and tools to assist in the continuation of conserving the unique natural, cultural and historical heritage sites.

**Military** – sustain or develop the viability of area military bases to ensure they remain a valuable resource of the U.S. Armed Forces.

**Tax-Exempt Bonds** – preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

**Transportation** – support the county's priorities in infrastructure packages and/or transportation legislation.

**Waters of the United States** – redefine the rule under the Clean Water Act that impacts county-owned and maintained infrastructure, such as such as roads and roadside ditches, bridges and storm water, floodwater and drainage ditches, by drawing a clear distinction between the aforementioned waterways and natural streams and tributaries.

Westside Creeks Ecosystem Restoration Project – secure \$2.34 million to initiate preconstruction engineering and design to restore 14 miles of creekways that were channelized as part of a 1954 federal flood control project known as the San Antonio Channel Improvement Project.

**Workforce Development** – encourage financial assistance for job training and wraparound services, which are critical for successful entry into the workforce and/or completion of workforce training.