



NUECES COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 87TH INTERIM OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE

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The Nueces County Commissioners Court looks forward to working with our state leaders on policies and programs that will enhance the quality of life for all residents of Nueces County. This interim legislative agenda has been developed with input from county officeholders, business, public health, economic development, tourism and environmental entities. The County welcomes the opportunity to foster collaboration with state partners and entities to advance policies that will provide counties the tools necessary to serve their constituencies as well as work towards a prosperous government and state economy.

INTERIM POLICIES TO MONITOR

- Oppose any attempt to limit or prohibit the authority of county officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and regulatory entities, as well as pay membership dues to organizations that hire registered lobbyists.
- Support legislation maximizing the number of insured and reduce the number of underinsured Texans by securing available federal and state funds to reform and renew opportunities to broaden the net of coverage, particularly given the uncertain status of the Medicaid 1115 Waiver, ongoing or future health pandemics, as well as the need to close racial and socioeconomic inequality gaps.
- Coordinate with legislative and regulatory entities the utilization of *American Rescue Act Plan* funds.
- Monitor election reform legislation in regards to local impact and expectations.
- Monitor state redistricting proceedings and proposals as they impact Nueces County.
- Monitor bail reform proposals as they may impact Nueces County.

GENERAL

- Where possible and where interest are similar, the County will coordinate its legislative agenda with other political jurisdictions and key community stakeholders in the region and provide assistance to those entities.