



Downtown Dallas, Inc., Legislative Priorities

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Downtown Dallas is the economic core of the North Texas region, with the greatest tax base in the city. Each day, more than 135,000 people commute into Downtown to one of more than 4,000 employers. Downtown Dallas is also now one of the largest urban neighborhoods in Texas, including more than 12,000 residents that call it home. As the lead advocate for this community for more than 60 years, Downtown Dallas, Inc. (DDI) works to ensure that new legislation supports our continued growth and prosperity.

The economic health of Downtown businesses is essential for the future of North Texas. To promote continued **Economic Development**, DDI will support:

- *Local control on issues such as tax rates, budgeting, public safety and quality of life.*
- *Investments in economic development through incentives that create jobs and bring new opportunities to Downtown Dallas, as well as programs that support and promote our small businesses.*
- *Smart development policies that promote reasonable regulations on building and materials requirements and address issues such as condominium tort reform.*
- *Enhanced broadband connectivity and the use of technology to improve quality of life, health care and our virtual workforce.*

Public safety in Downtown Dallas is paramount. To prioritize the safety of all residents, businesses and workforce, DDI will support:

- *Public safety funding and security throughout Downtown.*
- *Social services, mental and behavioral health resources.*
- *Innovative measures that recognize the intersection between public safety and the need for increased social services.*

A variety of options are necessary to meet the **Mobility and Infrastructure** needs of Downtown's residents and workforce. No single mode or method of funding will be sufficient to meet the needs of our growing community. DDI will support:

- *The continued diversification of mobility options, including scooters, high-speed rail, accessibility and walkability, ride sharing and more.*
- *Fully funding the voter-approved Propositions 1 and 7, retaining control of local transportation project management through regional mobility authorities, and the use of public-private partnerships and other funding options for transportation projects.*



The needs of our business community continue to evolve. To ensure we are preparing the workforce of the next generation, we need to continue to invest in **Public Education and Workforce** training. DDI will support:

- *Increased skills training, workforce development opportunities and access to higher education to meet the needs of our business community via initiatives like the 60x30 Texas Higher Education Plan.*
- *Maintaining the progress made for public education funding as established by House Bill 3 in the 86th Legislative Session.*

Stable, adequate and desirable **Housing** is essential for Downtown to continue to draw people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. DDI will support:

- *Reducing hurdles to housing access, including additional flexibility for cities to manage requirements for attainable housing at the local level.*

The vibrant character of our community is what draws new residents, businesses and tourists from around the world. To preserve and enhance the **Quality of Life** in Downtown, DDI will support:

- *Legislation that prioritizes the preservation of historic buildings.*
- *The expansion of green spaces and parks, and investment in arts and culture.*
- *Racial equity through innovations to our criminal justice system, public safety protocols and access to community resources.*

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