

**City of Galveston**

**2013 State Legislative Program**

**83rd Texas Legislative Session**

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The Galveston City Council and Staff are glad to provide information, research issues, and testify on the City of Galveston legislative issues.

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## **GENERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICY**

*SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS THAT PRESERVE AND/OR  
ADVANCE THE CITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS &  
PRODUCE POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR THE CITIZENS OF GALVESTON*

### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

The City will support any legislation viewed as advancing the City's strategic goals; or that improves the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; or that responsibly increases revenues; or that advances the City's authority to conduct the public's business. The City will oppose any legislation viewed as detrimental to citizens and that seeks to erode municipal authority or that otherwise have a negative impact on municipal operations.

### **FORM COALITIONS**

The City will form strategic partnerships with cities, political subdivisions, and private sector entities that share common goals with the City of Galveston. Additionally, the City will work in coordination with organizations such as the Texas Municipal League when their adopted positions are in line with the legislative objectives and goals of the City.

### **PRIORITY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

1. Monitor all legislation related to Texas Windstorm Insurance Agency (TWIA); actively pursue proposed TWIA reform legislation that is beneficial to the City
2. Coastal Barrier protection (the "Ike Dike")
3. Beach Issues
  - a. Monitor legislation seeking to clarify the *Severance* impact on beaches
  - b. Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) funding
  - c. Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funding
4. Transportation – support providing additional funding options for City transportation projects and for regional transportation projects
5. Economic Development and tourism funding
6. Disaster Recovery Funding
7. East End Lagoon funding and East End Flats release to the City