



*City of North Richland Hills*



## **2019 Federal Legislative Positions**

## FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE INTRODUCTION

The United States Congress frequently creates new laws that greatly affect municipalities. Due to this relationship, the City of North Richland Hills must develop and adopt positions on **the most critical** federal issues that directly impact the city and its citizens, especially issues involving 1.) local control, 2.) quality of life, and 3.) municipal revenues (including unfunded mandates). Therefore, the City of North Richland Hills uses three primary principles in developing positions on legislative issues:

1. The city vigorously **opposes** any legislation that erodes the authority to govern our own local affairs.
2. The city **opposes** any legislation that dramatically impacts our ability to pay for public services and **opposes** the imposition of any federal mandates which do not provide for a commensurate level of compensation.
3. The city **supports** legislation that increases the quality of life for our citizens including legislation that encourages equitable services that increase pride and growth in our community.

If an issue arises in Congress that is not included in this document, we urge our Congressional delegation to keep the city's guiding principles in mind as they make important decisions which will impact our joint-constituents.

# GENERAL LEGISLATIVE POLICY

## STATEMENT OF PRESERVATION

As a general policy, the City of North Richland Hills seeks to preserve its current authority to govern the city, its citizens, and its property. As such, the city **opposes** legislation that:

- diminishes the fundamental authority of the city;
- mandates increased costs without adequate compensation;
- forces a loss of revenues or a decrease in public services;
- erodes requirements for reasonable compensation for use of public lands; or
- erodes municipal control over local water systems.

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Likewise, the city **supports** legislation that:

- advances municipal authority to conduct the public's business;
- improves the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens;
- responsibly and fairly increases revenues to pay for essential services;
- reduces the cost of providing services;
- responsibly promotes economic development; or
- improves the economy and creates jobs.

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