



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** Res. 2020-247R, **Version:** 1

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### **AGENDA CAPTION:**

Consider approval of Resolution 2020-247R, adopting Guiding Principles for the City's 2021 Federal and State Legislative Action Program; and declaring an effective date.

**Meeting date:** November 17, 2020

**Department:** Communications & Intergovernmental Relations

### **Amount & Source of Funding**

**Funds Required:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Funds Available:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Account Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

### **Fiscal Note:**

**Prior Council Action:** The Guiding Principles for the City's 2020 State and Federal Legislative Program Activities was amended and adopted by Council Resolution on February 18, 2020; we are currently updating the documents for 2021.

**City Council Strategic Initiative:** [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Workforce Housing

Public Transit

Stormwater

**Comprehensive Plan Element (s):** [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Not Applicable

**Master Plan:** *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below]*

**Background Information:**

The City of San Marcos worked with the Normandy Group, the City's Federal Legislative consultants, and Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP, the City's State Legislative consultants, to identify the updated list of guiding principles for the City's 2021 Legislative program. These guiding principles aid City staff and elected officials in advancing the interests of the City, its residents, and businesses, with our federal and state Congressional delegations and with corresponding agencies involved in the funding and regulation of assets and services provided by the City of San Marcos to the people of our community.

These attached redlined Guiding Principles were adopted by resolution on February 18, 2020. The City's Guiding Principles are living documents that may be updated at the will of the Council. The Committee has worked diligently to keep these Guiding Principles current with many new additions relating to the recent COVID pandemic and associated funding available at the Federal and State level.

Numerous meetings were held since January to allow the Committee and staff to coordinate with both Normandy and Bickerstaff, and this included Zoom calls with each of our three local Texas Legislators. Following our upcoming National and State elections on November 3, we will correspond further with our Federal and State Delegation and prepare for the upcoming 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session and the new Congressional year in Washington, D.C.

**Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:**

The Committee recommended amending the document to include these edits and they are noted by redline with corresponding detailed comments in the attached Guiding Principles documents. A clean copy of both the Federal & State documents are also attached.

**Recommendation:**

Staff and the Legislative Committee recommends adoption of the amended 2021 State and Federal Legislative Guiding Principles.