

City Council Work Session Handouts

October 7, 2024

- I. Review and Discuss the Upcoming U.S. and Texas Legislative Sessions

CITY OF RICHARDSON LEGISLATIVE KICK OFF

89th State Texas Legislature & 119th United States Congress

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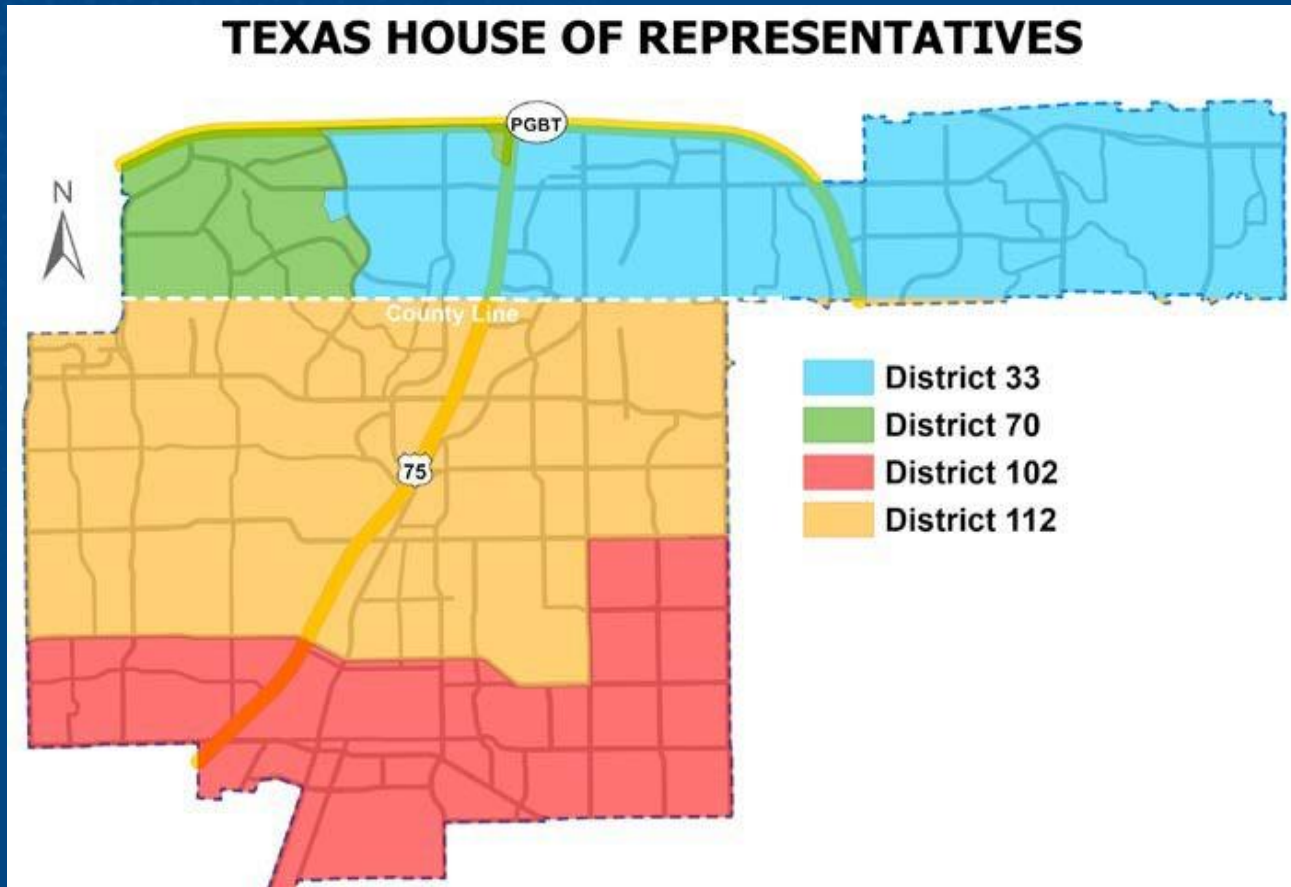
2023 – 2025 CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIES

- Improve access, usability and user experience with policies, processes and procedures
- Promote an innovative approach to business processes
- Work to maintain a balance between responsible neighborhood integrity and the regulatory environment
- Leverage our regional leadership position to positively impact County, State and Federal issues
- Maintain strong fund balance and bond rating
- Value, protect, and create a positive return on City, resident, and other stakeholder investments in the City
- Leverage county, state and federal opportunities

REMINDERS FROM THE 2021 REDISTRICTING

- Second legislative session following 2021 redistricting
- Redistricting happens every 10 years after new census data is released
- Texas picked up two new congressional seats
 - Seats added to Houston and Austin areas
- New statewide election maps are in effect for November 2024 election
- Richardson's election maps did change following the 2021 redistricting

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



November 5th Election Candidates

District 33:

- Katrina Pierson

District 102:

- Ana-Maria Ramos (I)

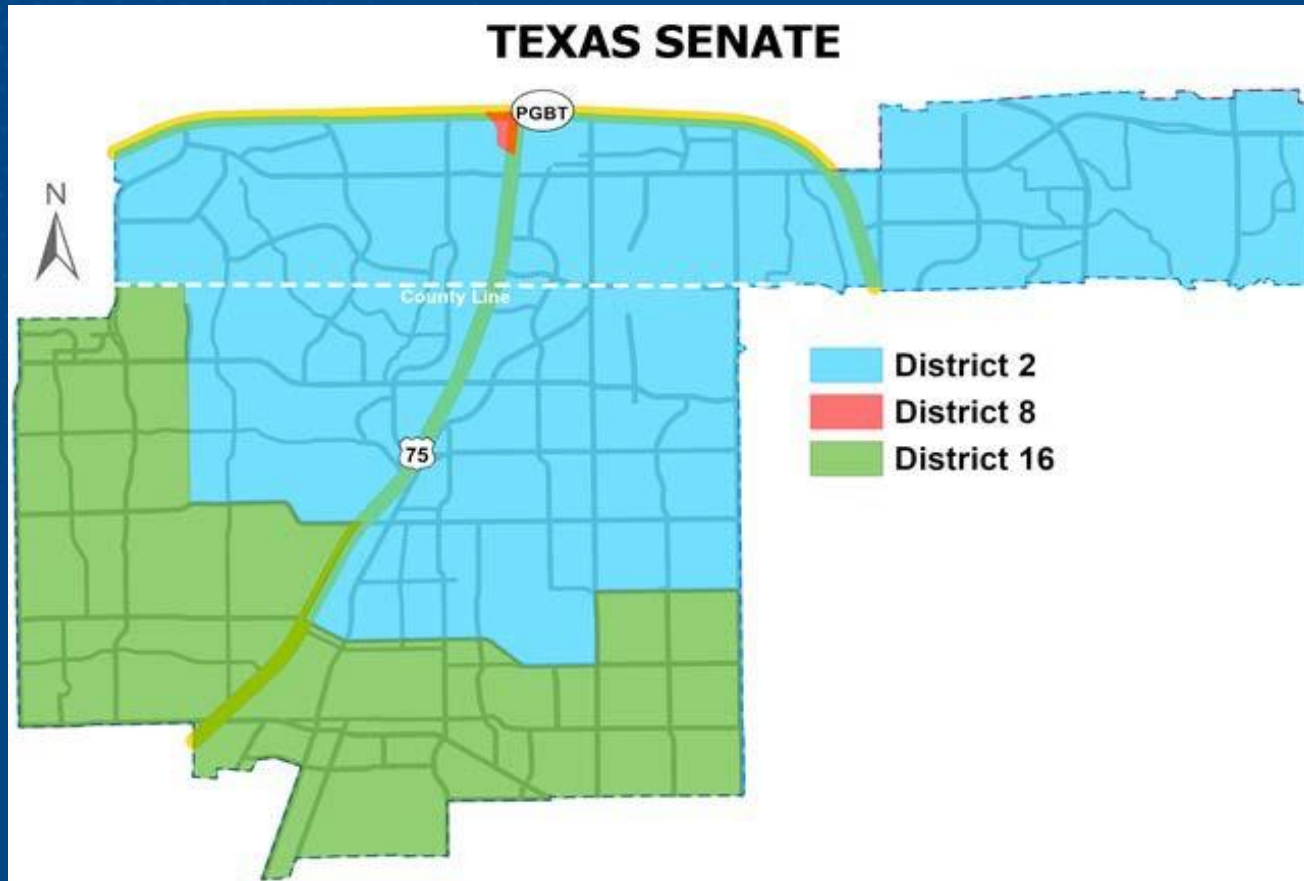
District 70:

- Steve Kinard
- Mihaela Plesa (I)

District 112:

- Angie Chen Button (I)
- Averie Bishop

TEXAS STATE SENATE



November 5th Election Candidates

District 2:

- Bob Hall (I)

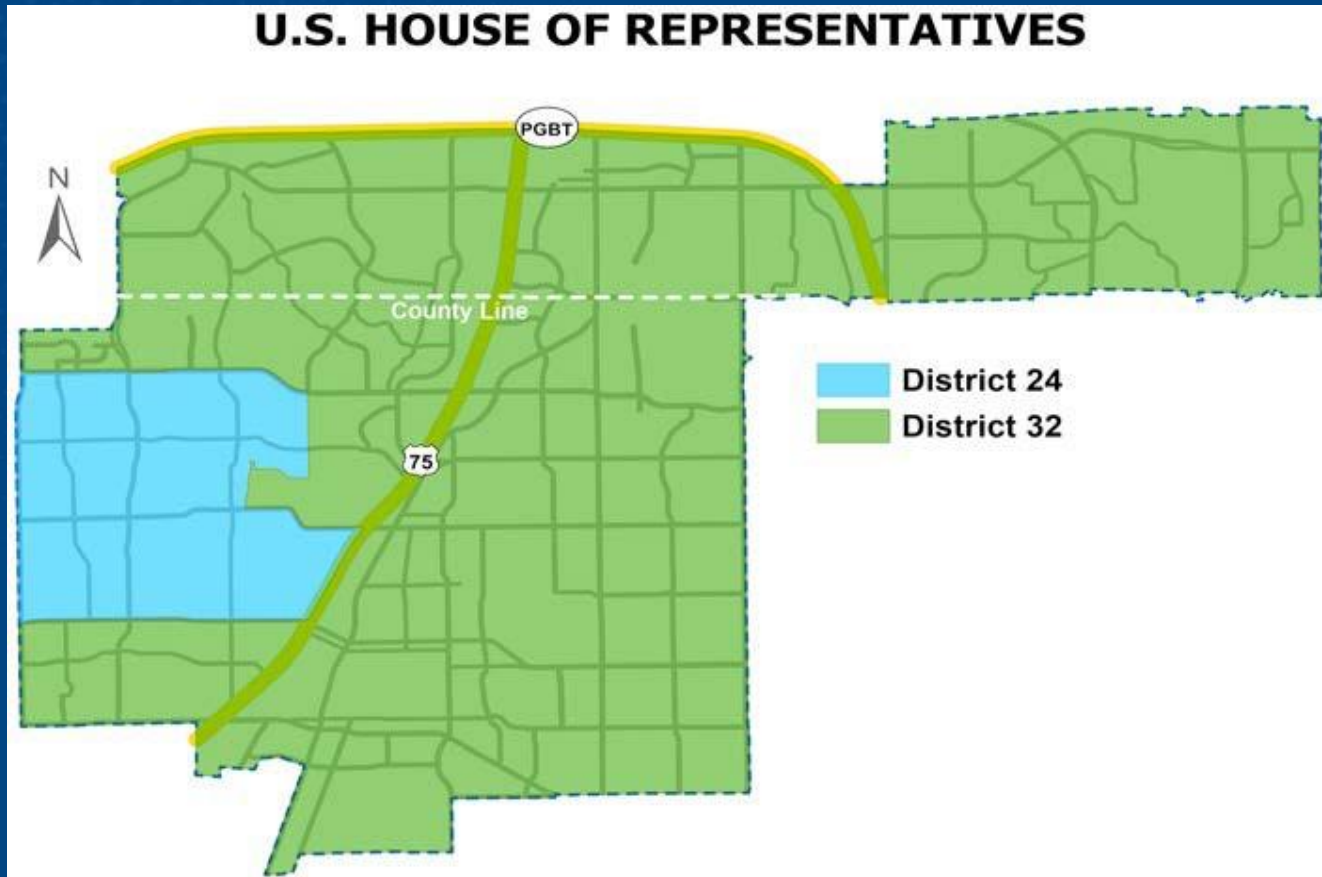
District 16 :

- Nathan Johnson (I)

District 8:

- Angela Paxton (I)
- Rachel Melo
- Ed Kless

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



November 5th Election Candidates

District 24:

- Beth Van Duyne (I)
- Sam Eppler

District 32 :

- Darrell Day
- Julie Johnson
- Kevin Hale

KEY SESSION DATES

89th Texas Legislative Session

- Monday, November 11, 2024
 - First day for legislators to file bills
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025
 - Session convenes at noon
- Monday, June 2, 2025
 - Sine die - Session concludes

119th United States Congress

- Friday, January 3, 2025
 - Session convenes
- Sunday, January 3, 2027
 - Session concludes

RICHARDSON'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Guide for Council and staff to promote and protect municipal interests
- Establishes policy direction for topics that could affect the City of Richardson
- Orientation/Reorientation for elected officials representing Richardson
- Seeking active, positive partnerships with elected officials in the Texas Legislature and in the United States Congress
- Possible action for/against a bill taken via:
 - Testimony in person (if permitted)
 - Letters and e-mails
 - Phone Calls and meetings
 - Richardson Legislative Day



HIGHEST LEGISLATIVE AGENDA PRIORITY

- Preserve the ability for locally elected officials to govern and respond effectively and efficiently to the individual and market driven needs of its residents, and other stakeholders
- Oppose any legislative action that would erode home rule authority of municipalities or establish unfunded mandates that constrain the ability of cities to allocate scarce resources to locally determined priorities
- Support legislation seeking to restore local control/home rule authority eroded by prior legislation
- Support legislation that blocks any attempts to prohibit the authority of the City Council to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies as well as pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists

LEGISLATIVE KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

- Fiscal Management
- Transportation
- Economic Vibrancy
- Public Safety
- Environment
- Education & Workforce



SUPPORT REGIONAL & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Governance

- National League of Cities
- Texas Municipal League
- United States Conference of Mayors
- North Texas Municipal Water District
- Texas Recreation and Park Society

Public Safety

- North Texas Crime Commission
- Texas Police Chiefs Association
- Texas Fire Chiefs Association

Transportation

- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Regional Transportation Council
- Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition

Business

- North Texas Commission
- Dallas Regional Chamber
- North Dallas Chamber of Commerce
- Richardson Chamber of Commerce
- Tech Titans

Education

- Collin College
- Dallas College
- UT Dallas
- Richardson Independent School District
- Plano Independent School District

NEXT STEPS

- Accept City Council feedback and suggestions
- After November 5 Election, schedule meetings with representatives
- Place final Legislative Agenda on future Council Agenda for consideration
- Post information and resources on cor.net under City Council / Legislative Program
- Track developments requiring our participation in the Session
- Provide regular reports to Council throughout the Session

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