

2015  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
UPDATE

May 19, 2015

# PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

- Discuss Progress of the 2015 Legislative Session
- Significant Issues of 84<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session
- Significant Legislative Issues facing Austin
- Timeline and Questions

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF THE 84<sup>th</sup> LEGISLATURE**

- **Budget**
- **Tax Cuts/Tax Reform**
- **Public/Higher Education**
- **Immigration and Border Security**
- **Transportation Funding**
- **Guns**

# SIGNIFICANT ISSUES FOR AUSTIN

- SB 1639 (Campbell) Annexation Vote (Senate)
- SB 267 (Perry) preempts Source of Income ordinance (House Calendars)
- SB182 (Bettencourt) revenue caps (Senate Finance)
- SB 1760 (Creighton) vote on tax rate (House Ways & Means)
- SB 279/SJR 20 (Watson) Flat Dollar Homestead Exemption (House Ways & Means)
- HB 2870 (Alonzo) prescribed burns (in the Senate)
- HB 1324 (Israel) buses on shoulders (in the Senate)
- SB 1806 (Estes) preemption of Plastic Bag Ban and other city ordinances (Senate State Affairs Committee)
- HB 912 (Isaac) prohibits cities from protesting wastewater discharge permits (Senate Ag, Water & Rural Affairs)

# 2015 LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

- ❖ January 13, 2015: Legislature convened
- ❖ March 13, 2015: Filing deadline for statewide bills
- ❖ May 14-15, 2015: HB's must be considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
  - May 26-27, 2015: SB's must be considered on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> reading
  - June 1, 2015: Regular session ends
  - June 21, 2015: Last day for Governor to veto
  - August 31, 2015: effective date of all new bill adopted unless specific effective date set

# QUESTIONS