



Texas Recreation and Park Society Legislative Platform

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Protect and Enhance our Investments in All Public Parks & Open Spaces

- Support conservation of open space and making public lands accessible for public use
- Support tree preservation
- Federal Funding
 - Support the Land Water Conservation Fund
 - Support the Sport Fish Restoration Boat Access program
 - Support the United States Department of Transportation Recreation Trails
- Water and Natural Resources
 - Support conservation
 - Support rights and access to recreational amenities
- Unfunded Mandates
 - Oppose exemptions that substantially erode the tax base
 - Oppose tax limit on Municipalities
- Sporting Good Sales Tax
 - Oppose Tax Free weekend on sporting goods
 - Oppose appropriation riders to the Texas Recreation & Parks Account

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Increase Activity & Improve Health & Wellness by Utilizing Parks & Recreation Amenities & Services

- Support funding for services and programs that ensure access for people with disabilities
- Support legislation in reducing the obesity and diabetes epidemics
- Support funding for the connection of communities to nature and the outdoors

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Create Livable, Safe & Responsible Communities

- Support safe pathways, trails ... create safety zones
- Transportation
 - Support the United States Department of Transportation Recreation Trails
 - Support accessibility, so long as it does not impose an unfunded mandate
 - Support the progress of connecting our communities to nature and the outdoors
- Support the inclusion of Parks & Recreation Community Centers, Recreation Centers, and Sports Complexes within the safe/gun zone classification
- Support the findings of the positive economic impact from the Parks & Recreation Industry.
- Easement & Acquisition
 - Oppose eminent domain limits
 - Support the inclusion of commercial development in Parkland Dedication requirements