

CALL TO ACTION #1
SUPPORT THE HOUSE FINAL PASSED VERSION OF SB1

As the 87th Texas Legislature is approaching the end of the session, the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) takes the following positions and calls for your assistance and immediate action to:

1. **Support the House Final Passed Version of SB 1** and defeat all appropriation riders that harm the TPWD Recreation Grants program; and
 - Appropriation Riders:
 - Texas State Aquarium **\$1M**
 - ❖ * The riders below have been moved to Article XI *
 - Santa Rose Community Park **\$1.5M**
 - Marian Park, City of Houston **\$1M**
 - Chachalaca Bend **\$2M**
 - The Hills at Sims Park **\$2M**
 - La Esperanza Community Park **\$2M**
 - Tyre Park **\$4M**
 - City of Mission Community Park **\$5M**
 - Center for Urban Ecology, Quinta Mazatlan **\$10M**
 - Resaca de los Cuates Waterway and Drainage **\$750K**
 - Olmito Park **\$8.5M**
2. **Defeat appropriation rider to Senate SB1** that harms the Recreation Grants program.
 - Texas State Aquarium **\$500K**

House Conferees:

- Greg Bonnen: District 24, League City 512-463-0729
 - <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=24>
- Giovanni Capriglione: District 98, Keller 512-463-0690
 - <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=98>
- Mary Gonzalez: District 75, San Elizario 512-463-0613
 - <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=75>
- Armando Walle: District 140, Houston 512-463-0924
 - <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=140>
- Terry Wilson, District 20, Georgetown 512-463-0309
 - <https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=20>

Senate Conferees:

- Jane Nelson: District 12, Grapevine 512-463-0112
 - <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=12>
- Huffman: District 17, Lake Jackson 512-480-0994
 - <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=12>
- Lois Kolkhorst: District 18, Katy 512-463-0118
 - <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=18>
- Nichols: District 3, Jacksonville 512-463-0103
 - <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=3>
- Larry Taylor, District 11, Pearland 512-463-0111
 - <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=11>

Call to Action: IMMEDIATELY

- Contact each conferee ASAP.
- Send and forward to your Parks Board, Citizen Advisory Board, or the Senior Boards and encourage them to make a call as well.
- Contact the appropriate legislators and share the noted talking points with them or their staff representative. Should you have any questions, please contact the TRAPS office traps@traps.org or 512-267-5550 or the TRAPS Legislative Chair: Jeff Achee, jachee@harkerheights.gov 254-953-5657
- Thank you for your prompt attention and action.

What to say to the Representative:

Hello, my name is _____ from _____.

I'm calling on Representative/Senator _____ as a member of House/Senate Conferee committee as a representative of the Texas Recreation and Park Society and the City/County of _____.

We support the House Final Passed version of SB1 – in particular the funding for Recreation Grants that are managed by Rec Grants office of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

We encourage the Representative/Senator to NOT adopt any of the appropriation riders listed in Article XI that harm the Local Parks Grant program and any appropriation rider in Article VI of the Senate version that harm the Local Parks Grant program. We oppose these riders as they divert funds from the TPWD Strategy B.2.1 and B.2.2. away from the TPWD competitive grant process to earmark for specific local park projects. These earmarked projects take away the ability for Cities and Counties across the state to compete for funds in order to construct much-needed park facilities in their communities.

We want to be your resource for Parks and Recreation, so please do not hesitate to call on me. I hope that you can assist us in expressing our opposition to the appropriation riders and our desire to keep the Local Parks Program whole.