

SERVICE SOLUTIONS SUCCESS



City of El Paso

FY 2010 Priority Federal Legislative Initiatives



MILITARY AFFAIRS

- The City of El Paso will work to secure the funding needed for housing, education, transportation and workforce development to accommodate the influx of new troops and their families as a result of the transformation at Ft. Bliss.
- The City will also support additional funding to expand services and capabilities of William Beaumont Army Medical Center. As the number of combat troops continues to increase at Fort Bliss, William Beaumont's workload will include more and more veterans being treated for combat related injuries and conditions. Additionally, Fort Bliss will grow by over 300% bringing the total base population to over 100,000 soldiers, family members, and Army employees.

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State Legislative Priority Initiatives



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Support funding to workforce development to create programs to assist in the job placement of accompanying military spouses.

✓ Seek additional resources dedicated to military installations, soldiers and their dependents residing in the State of Texas. These resources should also include incentives for those who wish to purchase homes, through tax breaks or other means.

SB 297 (Van de Putte/Ogden) would allow for state tuition for veterans and servicemembers and their spouses and children.

✓ Support passage of H.B. 143 filed by State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon of San Antonio to help protect areas around military installations across the state from encroachment by residential and commercial developers.

HJR 132 would create buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to military installations. Proposition 1 passed in the November 2009 election.



DEVELOPMENT

✓ Support the efforts of the TXAPA to amend §545.352 of the Transportation Code to permit residential access streets to be designed for a 20 or 25 mph speed limit in lieu of the prima facie speed limit of 30 mph.

HB 2682 (Alvarado) allows for lower limits in residential areas

✓ Support legislation to allow counties additional development authority, provided that such legislation does not erode city authority in the ETJ or conflict with development regulations enacted by cities with authority over the ETJ.

HB 2833 (Marquez) building code standards applicable to the unincorporated areas of certain counties