

2025 Federal Legislative Agenda for Laredo

Public Health & Human Services

- **Health Equity Initiatives:**
 - Expand funding for healthcare infrastructure and mobile clinics to address underserved populations, particularly in border regions.
 - Advocate for extending federally capped out-of-pocket healthcare costs to non-Medicare populations.
- **Behavioral and Mental Health Support:**
 - Increase federal support for mental health programs tailored for first responders and vulnerable populations.

Public Safety and Border Security

- **Enhanced Border Security:**
 - Advocate for increased funding for border surveillance technologies, physical barriers, and staffing at key entry points, aligning with national security priorities.
 - Request support for expedited customs clearance systems to balance trade and security needs.
- **Community and Law Enforcement Support:**
 - Seek federal grants for community safety initiatives and gang violence reduction programs.
 - Advocate for funding to enhance cooperation between local and federal law enforcement in combating trafficking and cross-border crime.

Trade and Economic Development

- **Modernizing Port Laredo:**
 - Secure funding to upgrade trade infrastructure to support adjustments due to potential tariffs and trade policies.
 - Promote investments in logistics and export industries to solidify Laredo's status as a trade hub.
- **Small Business and Manufacturing Growth:**

- Advocate for tax incentives to support local businesses and domestic manufacturing expansions aligned with federal priorities on reducing foreign import reliance.

Infrastructure Investment

- **Transportation and Connectivity:**
 - Request funding for upgrades to highways and bridges to accommodate growing trade-related traffic.
 - Seek investment in airport and rail expansions to improve regional and national connectivity.
- **Border Trade Infrastructure:**
 - Include funding for advanced processing systems to streamline cargo flow and ensure competitive trade operations at border facilities.
- **Comprehensive Regional Planning:**
 - Propose funding for regional planning initiatives that integrate transportation, housing, and sustainability, ensuring efficient use of resources and alignment with long-term development goals.

Climate and Environmental Resiliency

- **Air Quality and Emissions Management:**
 - Expand air monitoring initiatives to address emissions from increased trade activity.
 - Seek funding for green infrastructure to mitigate heat and improve urban climate resilience.
- **Urban Heat Resilience Programs:**
 - Advocate for federal grants to support integrated urban cooling solutions, including reflective pavements, green roofs, and shaded pedestrian pathways.
- **Advanced Air Quality Technology Deployment:**
 - Seek joint federal-state funding to deploy advanced air quality monitoring and emissions control technology, particularly near trade and industrial hubs.

Economic Competitiveness and Workforce Development

- **Domestic Workforce Training:**
 - Advocate for federal funding for vocational training programs in logistics, manufacturing, and technology sectors.
- **Strengthening Trade Policies:**
 - Position Laredo as a critical beneficiary of reciprocal trade agreements by ensuring modern, efficient trade infrastructure and workforce readiness.

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