



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Date Requested: <u>September 9, 2024</u>
Requested By: <u>Lee Woodward, City Secretary</u>
Department: <u>CSO</u>
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Report <input type="radio"/> Resolution <input type="radio"/> Ordinance

Appropriation	
Source of Funds:	<u>N/A</u>
Account Number:	<u>N/A</u>
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Amount Requested:	<u>N/A</u>
Budgeted Item:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Exhibits: TML Region 14 Director ballot and candidate biographies

SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The City is a member of the Texas Municipal League’s (TML) Region 14, which is represented by a Director on the TML Board. TML has 15 regions and directors of even-numbered regions are elected in even-numbered years. Terms are two years and new terms will begin on October 11, 2024, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference, and end on November 13, 2026, upon adjournment of the TML Annual Conference.

Rachel Pitts, TML Deputy Executive Director for Member, Affiliate, and City Financial Services, noted in her email that *[p]reviously, elections for regional directors were held at regional meetings. After changes to the TML Constitution were approved last year, these elections are now administered by TML centrally,* explaining why the City is now being asked to vote.

Ms. Pitts’ email and the attached ballot and candidate biographies were forwarded to the Council when received on August 23.

STRATEGIC PLAN STRATEGY AND GOAL

The City’s participation in the Texas Municipal League strengthens the state and region and interactions with other member cities and TML educational opportunities support each of the following adopted Guiding Principles of the City Council.

Governance: The City of La Porte is governed in a transparent, efficient, accountable and responsive manner on behalf of its citizens that actively promotes citizen involvement.

Communications: The City of La Porte will build relationships and showcase our community through communication, technology, training, and branding.

Infrastructure and Utilities: *The City of La Porte will have and maintain a strong infrastructure and up to date facilities to continue to provide superior services for our citizens.*

Economic Development: *The City of La Porte will promote a strong and diverse economy that strengthens the local sales tax and property tax base while also contributing to a high quality of life.*

Organizational Excellence: *The City of La Porte will operate in a transparent, efficient, accountable, and responsive manner by preparing the organization and the staff for the future, focusing on core services, attracting and retaining the best employees and wise stewardship of financial resources.*

ACTION REQUIRED BY CITY COUNCIL

Select a candidate for the Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 14 Director Election for a two-year term beginning at the adjournment of the 2024 TML Annual Conference.
