



## American Planning Association

### Texas Chapter

Creating Great Communities for All

*The American Planning Association's Texas Chapter and its 2,400 members—community leaders, private developers, design professionals, and local officials—work with the private and public sectors in communities throughout Texas. We use our expertise and innovation to shape livable and sustainable Texas communities that reflect the character and values of each local city, town or rural area.*

## 2023 APATX Advocacy Subcommittee Topic Areas

The following seven subcommittees were created by the APATX Advocacy Committee to provide expertise in these legislative topic areas. The topics and subtopics are pulled from the planning and development related bills submitted in recent legislative sessions. Each subcommittee provides expertise and acts as a focus group to discuss and make recommendations on pending legislation, as well as initiate any needed research or surveys. The subcommittees use an “AirTable” database of proposed legislation to monitor bill status and subcommittee involvement. The subcommittee analyzes each bill listed and prepares legislative alerts on bills that are moving forward. They also communicate with bill sponsors and provide expertise on possible needed amendments. The subcommittee also identifies experts that are readily available to testify or provide written testimony on topic areas.



APA TEXAS USES THE EXPERTISE OF ITS PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR MEMBERS TO DEVELOP POLICY POSITIONS ON ISSUES THAT SHAPE TEXAS' FUTURE.

### APATX Advocacy Executive Committee

3 Co-Chairs – Karen Walz, Craig Farmer, Kimberly Miller

President & President-Elect – Heather Nick and Kelly Porter

TML Representative – Rolandrea Russell

Communications Manager – Kyle Kingma

Executive Administrator – Mike McAnelly

Subcommittee Chairs – 9 members, see below

Salient Solutions (Advocacy Consultant) – Chris Sanchez

### Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction

Committee Chair: Priscilla Rosales-Pina

- Annexation
- Military CUP
- ETJ's, Coordination of regulations with cities; and the ability to annex
- Incorporation within existing ETJ's

- Coordination of districts within ETJ's (Ex-CH 382 PID's)
- Developer Agreements related to annexation,
- Strategic Partner Agreements
- Emergency Services Districts & Funding

## Development Character

(Zoning, Subdivision Platting, Building Codes/ Standards) Committee Co-Chairs: Carissa Cox and Michael Grace

- Zoning
  - Alcoholic Beverages, Wineries, Breweries,
  - SOB's,
  - Payday Lenders, Credit Access Businesses
  - Trees, Landscaping,
  - Short Term Rentals
  - Signs, Billboards
- Platting
  - Shot Clocks
  - ETJ regulation of subdivisions
  - County Regulation, Colonias
  - Replatting notices, Public Hearings
  - Vesting, Property Rights,
  - Rough Proportionality
  - Developer Agreements related to Platting
- Building Codes/Standards
  - Building Codes & Materials Limitations
- Historic Preservation, Historic Districts

## Economic Development/Redevelopment

Committee Chair: Carly Kehoe, KPC Group

- Revenue Caps, Financing of Growth
- Eminent Domain
- Special Districts,
  - TIRZ's
  - PID's,
  - MMD's
  - MUD's (coordinate with Annexation Committee)
- Tax Abatements,
- Grants,
- Funding Agencies
- Developer Agreements related to incentives, public private partnerships, development in general (non-annexation)

## Environment & Healthy Communities

Committee Chair: Matt Bucchin, AICP

- Climate Change and Texas Weather Events
- Stormwater, Flooding & Floodplain Regulations,
- Stormwater Utilities
- Disaster Recovery, Emergency Management
- Utilities, Utility Impact Fees
- Water, Aquifers
- Oil & Gas
- Health Codes
- Code Enforcement

## Housing & Affordability

Committee Chair: Lee Battle

- Affordable Housing
- Group Homes, Halfway Houses, homeless shelters
- Mother-in-law rental units, accessory dwelling units,
- Single family zoning amendments to provide accessible, affordable housing
- Public Facility Corporations for Housing and Affordability,
- Housing Registration/inspection programs

## Legislative Liaisons & Partners

Committee Chair: Rolandrea Russell

- Texas Municipal League – Scott Houston
- Texas Association of Counties – Cameron Walker, Permian Basin MPO
- TCMA
- Texas City Secretaries Assn.
- Scenic Texas
- Homebuilders
- Developers
- Texas Association of Realtors
- Texas Society of Architects
- TPWA
- ASLA
- ASCE
- Texas Public Health Association
- USGBC Texas
- Preservation Texas
- Bike Texas
- Sierra Club
- Others?

## Transportation & Funding

Committee Chair: Robert McHaney, AICP, CTP

- Safety initiatives

- Mass Transit, including high speed rail
- Highways,
- TXDOT,
- Multi-modal Transportation
- Bicycles,
- Transportation funding sources; grants, toll roads, indexed gas tax and impact Fees