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Local Decisions

have created Texas cities where people want to

Live

Work

Do business

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Year after year, Texas cities rank among the top cities in the nation for population growth and job creation.

U.S. Cities with largest Population increase 2017

#1 San Antonio
#3 Dallas
#4 Fort Worth
#9 Frisco
#12 Austin

U.S. Cities with fastest Population growth 2017

#1 Frisco
#2 New Braunfels
#3 Pflugerville
#6 Georgetown
#9 McKinney
#11 Flower Mound
#13 Cedar Park

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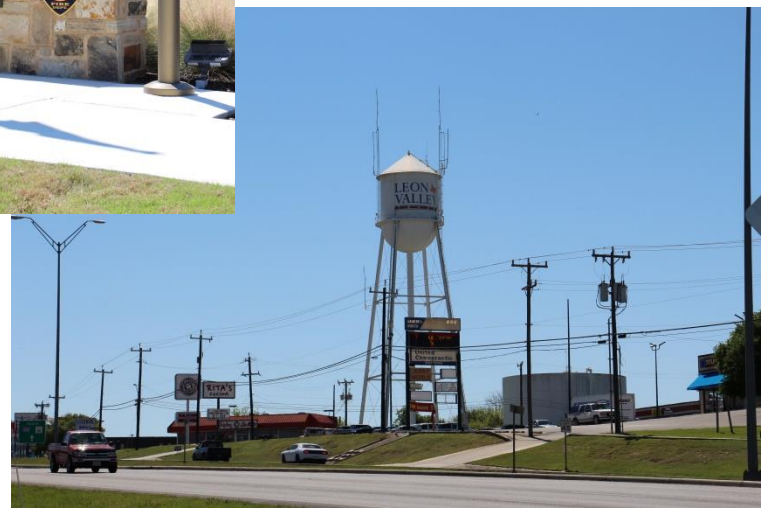
Texas cities lead the nation because they provide the services and infrastructure businesses need and the quality of life people want.



Quality of Life in Leon Valley

- Excellent Police, Fire, EMS
- “Superior” rated water system
- “Achievement of Excellence” public library
- Parks, pools, Community Garden
- Street Maintenance Program
- Northside Independent School District
- Personalized attention from City Leaders

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Instead of celebrating the amazing successes of Texas cities, some state officials are telling the world that Texas cities are bad places to do business.

The End of Local Laws? War on Cities Intensifies in Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott, an outspoken critic of federal overreach, recently suggested that his state should adopt a "ban across the board" on local regulations.

BY DANIEL C. VOCK | APRIL 5, 2017

ANOTHER VIEW *by Al Kauffman*

Anti-city legislation bucks Texas history

Editorial

Stop fight against local control

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott should stop his war against city governments. He is up for re-elec-

control at the city level. No surprise. He's a politician.

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Wednesday, January 4, 2017

They praise 'local control,' but they want Austin control

BY BUD KENNEDY

Obviously, the Texas Legislature does not have enough to do.

When lawmakers convene Tuesday in Austin, they will have five months to work up a budget and fix anything that might need fixing between now and 2019.

Not to be outdone, state Rep. Jonathan Stickland told a forum last fall that if a city doesn't go along with lawmakers, "We can remove their charter."

Depending on whom you ask, the battle over "local control" vs. "state control" is over

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The ability of Texans to create vibrant, livable cities is under assault from state officials who want to dictate that every community and neighborhood conform to their agenda.

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OTHER VIEWS

Revenue caps would save little, hurt much

Anyone concerned about skyrocketing property taxes should be against state Sen. Paul Bettencourt's push to cap revenues for cities and counties.

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EDITORIALS

Tax limit ties hands of local government

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Local government officials including Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price were in Austin on Tuesday to argue against Senate Bill 2, a measure that Sen. Paul

The greatest threat now:

State officials want to put one-size-fits-all restrictions on the annual budgets of all cities and counties.

Locally, Leon Valley would lose services, examples are as follows:

- Fewer police officers on the streets
- Reduced number of emergency service responders & fire safety
- Reduced recreational activities due to decreases in Public Works
  - ❖ fewer maintained parks
  - ❖ possible elimination of a city owned swimming pool
  - ❖ less maintenance of infrastructure
- Possible reduction in days of library usage

Bottom line is….. City services would be affected!

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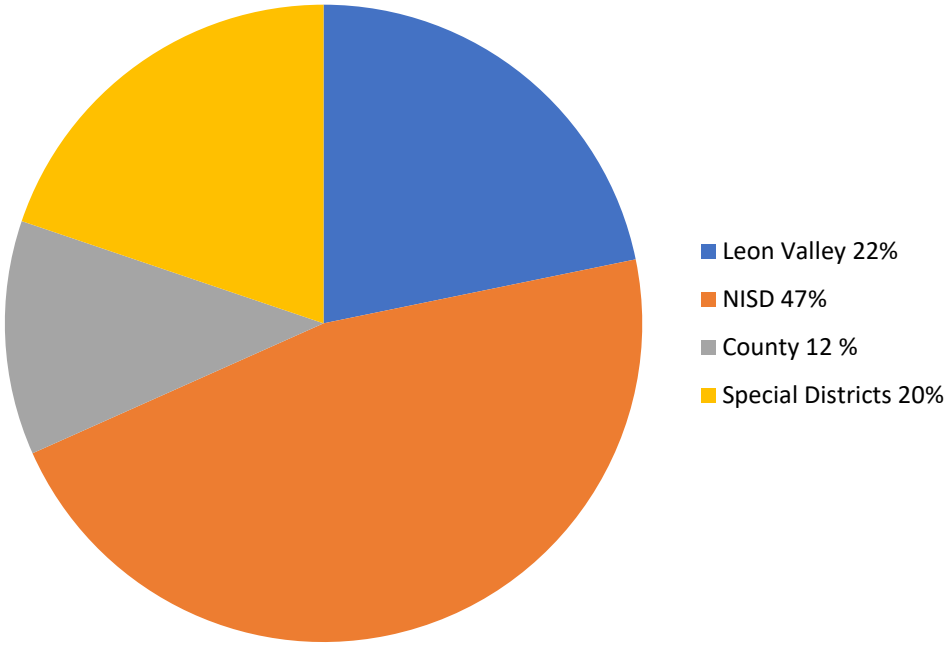

Some state officials are trying to mislead Texans into believing cities are to blame for high property taxes.

But here's the truth:
Leon Valley only collects 22 % of total property taxes.

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Look at your tax bill. Across the state, school district taxes are about **3.5 times higher** than city taxes.

2017 Property Tax Notice

The taxable value is: $300,226

TAXES DUE TAXING UNIT	TAX RATE PER $100	TAX AMOUNT
XXXX Independent School District	1.192000	$3,578.69
City of XXXXX	0.346760	$1,041.06
County of XXXXX	0.368430	$1,106.14
Special District XXXXX	0.260074	$780.81
	TOTAL TAX DUE	$6,506.70

Leon Valley Property Tax Bill

ALBERT URESTI, MPA, PCC
Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector

2018 REAL PROPERTY

03/26/2019

[redacted]
(ACCOUNT NUMBER)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

CANTERFIELD RD
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78240-3107

ACREAGE: .1928 **LOCATION:** CANTERFIELD RD

APPRAISED VALUE LAND	APPRAISED VALUE IMPROVEMENT	CAP VALUE	HOMESTEAD VALUE	NON-QUAL VALUE
20,530	107,720	0	128,250	0

AGRI. MKT VALUE	PROD VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE
0	0	128,250

TAXING UNIT	EXEMPTIONS HOM				TAXABLE VALUE	TAX RATE	TAX AMOUNT
FLOOD FUND	3,000	0	0	0	125,250	0.023668	29.64
ALAMO COMM COLLEGE	0	0	0	0	128,250	0.149150	191.28
HOSPITAL DISTRICT	0	0	0	0	128,250	0.276235	354.27
BEXAR COUNTY	0	0	0	0	128,250	0.277429	355.80
S A RIVER AUTHORITY	5,000	0	0	0	123,250	0.018580	22.90
LEON VALLEY	5,000	0	0	0	123,250	0.545877	672.79
NORTHSIDE ISD	25,000	0	0	0	103,250	1.375500	1,420.20

TAXES FOR 2018:	$3,046.88
PAYMENTS MADE FOR 2018 (EXCLUDING PENALTY AND INTEREST):	$3,046.88
REMAINING AMOUNT DUE FOR 2018:	$0.00

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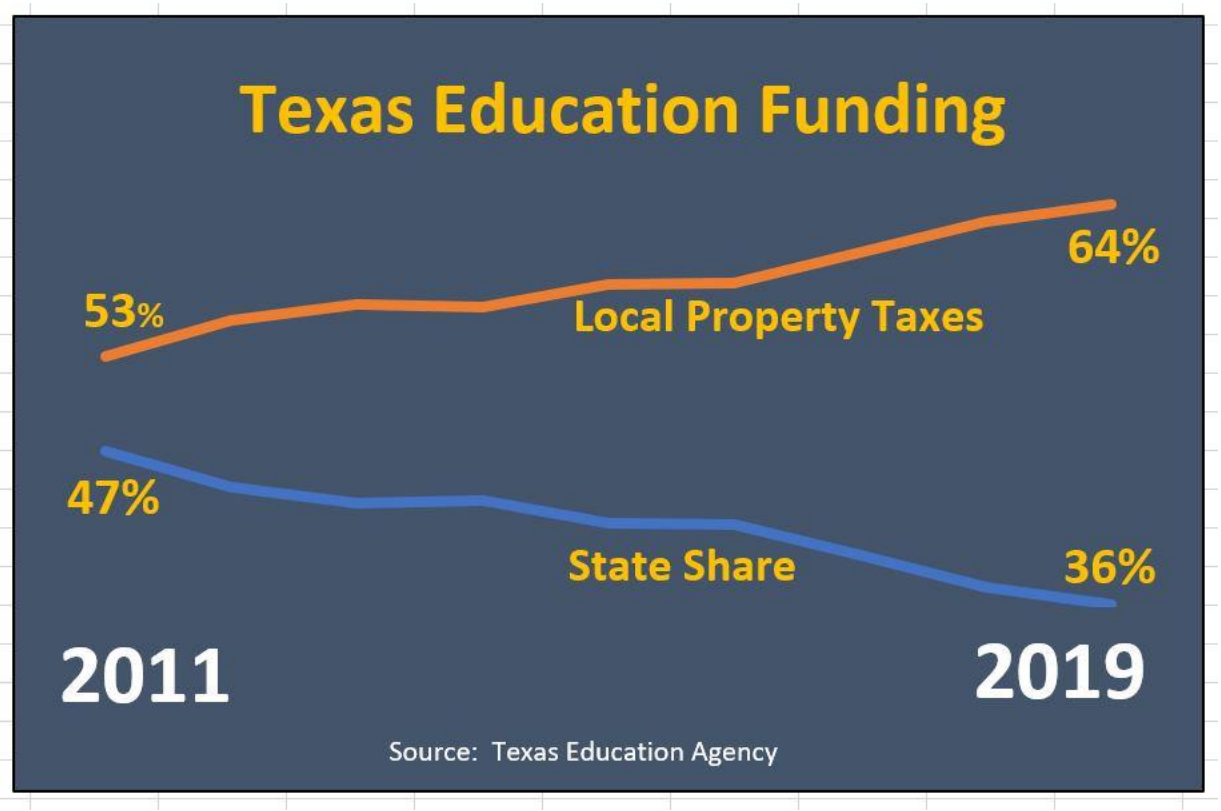
Texas property taxes are high because the legislature has been cutting the state's share of funding for education.

This forces school districts to raise your local property taxes to make up the difference.



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In 2017, the Legislature adopted a state budget that is based on our school property taxes increasing by 14% over two years.

House Bill 2 – General Appropriations Bill FY 2018 – FY 2019

3. **Foundation School Program Funding.**[10] Out of the funds appropriated above, a total of $21,468,235,602 in fiscal year 2018 and $21,503,735,602 in fiscal year 2019 shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount. This appropriation includes allocations under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 of the Texas Education Code.

Formula Funding: The Commissioner shall make allocations to local school districts under Chapters 41, 42 and 46 based on the March 2017 estimates of average daily attendance and local district tax rates as determined by the Legislative Budget Board and the final tax year 2016 property values. Property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, shall be increased by 7.04 percent for tax year 2017 and by 6.77 percent for tax year 2018.

Recapture

- Also known as Robin Hood, Recapture or Chapter 41 school districts began in 1993
- Chapter 41 school districts are considered to have high property values, according to a methodology set by the State
- These districts are required to send more of their own local tax revenue to the State for “recapture”
- Approximately 33 school districts were subject to recapture for a total amount of $130 million

Recapture

- More than 400 school districts across Texas are subject to Robin Hood, and together, those districts send the state more than $1.5 billion per year
- Northside Independent School District (NISD) is a Chapter 41 school district and has paid more than $280 million to the state in the past 20 years
- These funds are not available for NISD to use to meet student or any other needs
- NISD will lose approximately $4 to $5 million to the state this year in recaptured funds and the amount is projected to increase substantially in the future

Recapture

- The state can potentially use recaptured funds collected as NISD taxes to fund other school districts, but they are not required to!
- The state can use NISD's recaptured funds to support other parts of the state government that have nothing to do with education or our community
- As the state enters a Legislative session in January 2019, repairing the broken school finance system remains one of NISD's Legislative Priorities
- We think dollars intended for NISD schools should stay in NISD schools
- NISD will update residents & community members of their progress, so for more information, please visit the NISD website at:
- https://www.nisdtx.org/departments/financial_services/school_finance/frequently_asked_questions

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Instead of blaming cities, the state can provide meaningful property tax relief by fixing the school finance system.

Austin's Smokescreen

State needs to fix school finance problem it created

Austin has no shame when it comes to passing the buck on school finance and property taxes.

Bad bills

Senate Bill 1 would lower the rate of revenue increases from property taxes for cities and

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WE SAY PROPERTY TAXES

Provide real tax cuts, not illusions

To successfully pull off their stunts and tricks before audiences, great magicians employ the art of misdirection. The same is true for some politicians,

By leaving the school property tax untouched, the tax bills homeowners will pay in future years will rise sharply. That's because the state's school finance

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We need to tell the real story:

Letting Texans decide at the local level what's best for their community is the foundation of the Texas Miracle.

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Local decision-making gives Texans a voice:

In the level of services they want and how to pay for them.

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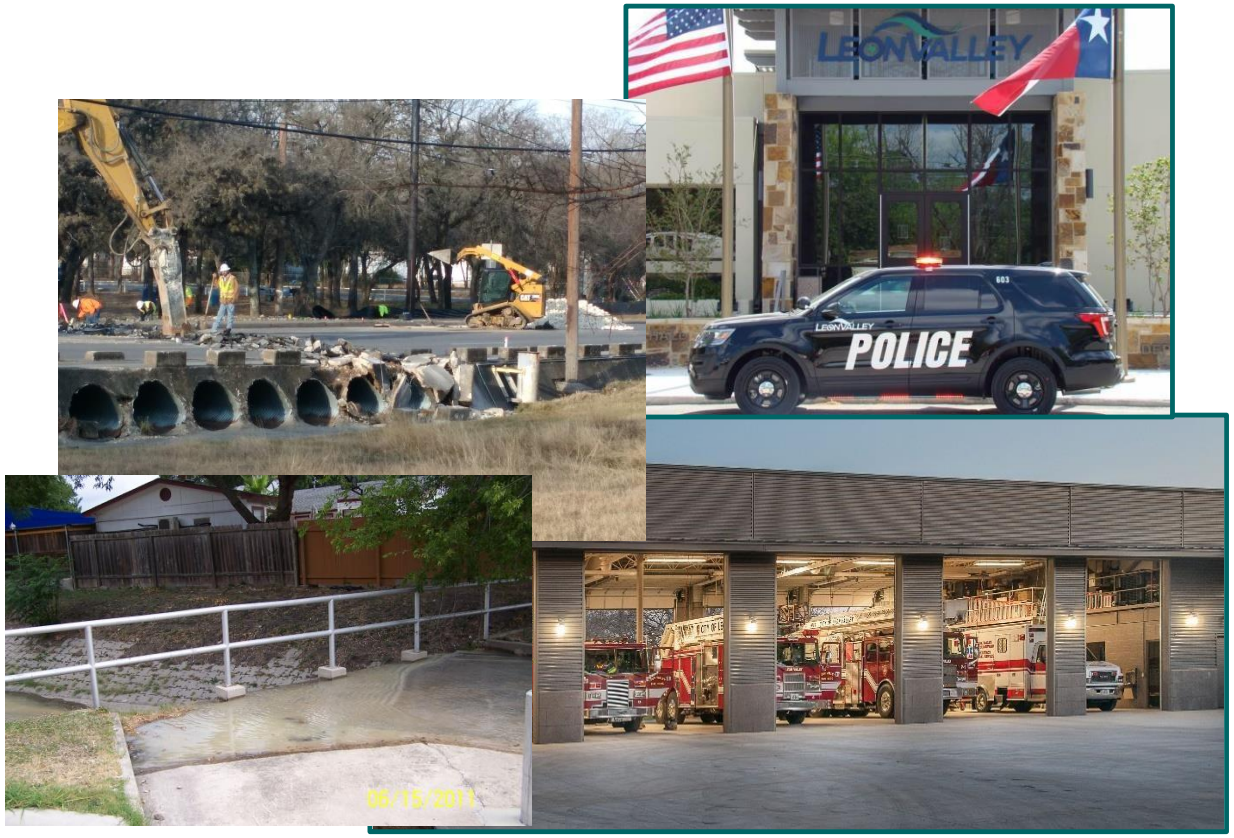
Local decision-making gives Leon Valley citizens a voice:

In how much they want to invest in infrastructure improvements like roads, new police and fire stations, water and sewage treatment and recreation facilities.



Potential Leon Valley Projects

- Huebner Creek - United States Corp of Engineers Continuing Authorities Program for Flood and Erosion Control
- Flood Control – Other areas of the City
- New Public Works Facility
- Reaffirm Street Maintenance Tax Collection
- Water System Elevated Tank Repair/Replacement
- Water and Sewer System Main Replacement Program
- ADA sidewalk program

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Local decision-making gives Leon Valley citizens a voice:

In rules and regulations that protect their home values and the character of their neighborhoods.

Leon Valley Regulations

New Ordinances:

- Graffiti
- Impound Lot
- Fortune Teller
- Massage Business
- Define and Abate Nuisances
- Red Light Cameras
- Sex Offender Residency Restrictions, including distance restrictions for sex offenders
- Payday and Auto Title Lending Restrictions
- Cell Phone Usage While Driving Ban

Proposed Ordinances:

- Eminent Domain for Streets
- Signs
- Scooters
- Animal Control

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Leon Valley residents want decisions affecting our homes and neighborhoods to reflect our local priorities and our local values.

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It’s your home.

It’s your neighborhood.

It’s your community.

You and your neighbors should decide what’s best for your community.

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Actions You Can Take!

- Contact your legislator:
- Trey Fischer 512-463-0616
- Jose Menendez 210-733-6604
- Joaquin Castro 210-225-3236
- Ted Cruz 202-224-5922
- John Cornyn 202-224-2934

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