

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Local Government
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Thursday, November 7, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Paul Bettencourt

The Senate Committee on Local Government will meet Thursday, November 7th, at 10:00 A.M. to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

1. **Housing Affordability:** Study issues related to housing, including housing supply, homelessness, and methods of providing and financing affordable housing. Make recommendations to reduce regulatory barriers, strengthen property rights, and improve transparency and accountability in public programs for housing.

2. **Additional Property Tax Relief and Reform:** Report on the effects of prior property tax relief and reform, including the \$18 billion tax cut with the \$100,000 homestead exemption authorized by the 88th Legislature. Focus particularly on the interaction between Senate Bill 2, 88th Legislature, 2nd Called Session, and Senate Bill 2, 86th Legislature. Make recommendations for further property tax relief and reform, including methods to improve voter control over tax rate setting and debt authorization, and mechanisms to dissolve taxing entities such as municipal management districts (MMDs) and tax increment reinvestment zones (TIRZs) when they have outlived their purpose.

Public Testimony is limited to two minutes. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the committee clerk with your name and/or the name of your organization on each copy and email a digital copy to the committee at ross.leake_sc@senate.texas.gov.

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