

**SENATE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

COMMITTEE: Local Government  
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, September 2, 2026  
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)  
CHAIR: Senator Paul Bettencourt

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The Senate Committee on Local Government will meet Wednesday, September 2nd, at 9:00 A.M.to hear invited testimony on the following interim charges:

**1. Removing Barriers to Housing Affordability:** Report on the implementation of Senate Bill 15, Senate Bill 840, and Senate Bill 2477, 89th Legislature, and Senate Bill 2038, 88th Legislature. Make recommendations to strengthen property rights as the cornerstone of Texas housing affordability.

**2. Holding Local Government Fees Accountable:** Examine the collection,use, and oversight of fees imposed by local governments, including but not limited to utility connection charges, permit and inspection fees, and drainage or stormwater improvement fees. Evaluate whether these fees are subject to adequate financial transparency requirements and whether independent audits should be required. Make necessary recommendations to enhance accountability and ensure fee revenues are used solely for their intended public purposes.

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](mailto:ross.leake_sc@senate.texas.gov).

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