

East Texas Regional Priorities

Rank		* Rating Average
1	Community & Economic Development We support initiatives that spur job creation and retention and help to build and sustain the necessary infrastructure that business need to grow.	3.38
2	Unfunded Mandates We oppose any additional unfunded mandates from the state or federal government.	4.2
3	Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement We support the maintenance of regional law enforcement training academies and Juvenile detention programs. We also support grant funding needed for law enforcement equipment replacement and current crime victims programs.	5.13
4	Water Supply / Policy We support initiatives designed to promote increased water supply for the East Texas region. We oppose any efforts to divert the regions water supply to address out-of region needs without the consent of appropriate East Texas local authorities.	5.33
5	Revenue Caps We oppose the imposition of revenue caps because they hamper economic development, community growth, and the ability of local governments to meet the infrastructure and other needs of its citizens.	5.67
6	Emergency Preparedness We support emergency preparedness regional planning, target identification, training, exercises and simulations.	6.67
7	Emergency Communications We support the full implementation of statewide Next Generation 9-1-1 and efforts to coordinate, develop, implement and manage an interconnected state wide 9-1-1 network. We support efforts to continue to strengthen radio interoperability infrastructure at the regional level.	6.71
8	Transportation We support the implementation of multi-modal transportation initiatives that result in increased transportation options for East Texans and economic stimulus for our region. We support state and federal initiatives to provide funding for regional councils of governments to actively provide transportation planning and coordination as Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).	7.57
9	Environmental / Air Quality We support the maintenance of "near non-attainment" funding to allow the East Texas region to continue to meet Federal air quality standards.	8
10	Housing We generally support existing state and local initiatives aimed at assisting vulnerable populations with home repairs and weatherization. Additional solutions should be considered to help local communities deal with abandoned and/or condemned homes that reduce property values and are a safety hazard to the public.	8
11	Health & Human Services We support the preservation of community based services for indigents, senior citizens, and people with disabilities.	8.2
12	Workforce Training / Education We support initiatives aimed at upgrading the skills of our workforce and preparing emerging workers for demand occupations.	8.47

* Questions were rated on a scale from 1 to 10 with 1 being the most important. As a result the lower a rating the more important it is considered to the region.