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City of Aurora Activity Report January 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1783/House Bill 2972
 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit (Stadelman/Chapa LaVia)
 - o The recently extended tax credits expire on December 31, 2017, this bill proposes to extend the tax credit to 2022.
 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities (Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis) on the extension, which assists cities with downtown riverfront areas spur development.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. is planning to sign on additional sponsors for the bill and continues the public relations campaign to educate and inform area legislators.

- House Bill 321, House Bill 326, House Bill 355, House Bill 472, House Bill 473, House Bill 474
 - o Proposes to limit the use of red light cameras (McSweeney)
 - o Aurora is opposed to these bills, the city utilizes cameras at several high-traffic intersections.
 - o Action is possible during spring session of the General Assembly.

- House Bill 689
 - o The bill seeks to place new regulations on the municipal asset forfeiture process. (Guzzardi)
 - o The proposal would create an administrative burden on police departments currently using the program successfully.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed to this bill.
 - o Action is likely during spring session of the General Assembly.

- **House Bill 713**
 - o Municipal Tax Increment Financing requirements (Chapa LaVia)
 - o *The City of Aurora received a request to weigh in on this legislation, the letter the city submitted is attached.*



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- Senate Bill 3
 - o Local government consolidation (Cullerton)
 - o This bill proposes to streamline the process to consolidate smaller units of local government.
 - o The bill is also part of the Senate's grand bargain package.
 - o The bill was approved on a vote of 36-14-7.

- Senate Bill 10
 - o Local government borrowing (President Cullerton)
 - o The bill proposes to help units of local government save money on borrowing costs.
 - o This bill is part of the Senate's grand bargain package.
 - o The bill was approved on a vote of 36-13-10.

Government Relations Activities:

- Capital funding requests
 - o The city is preparing capital funding requests in the event a state budget approved during the Spring Session.

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City of Aurora Activity Report February 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1783/House Bill B2972 (Stadelman/Chapa LaVia)
 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
 - o Seeks to extend credit to 2022, the current Legislation expires on December 31, 2017.
 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities – Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis – to extend historic tax credit for downtown riverfront areas to spur economic development.

- Senate Bill 7 (Link)
 - o Gambling expansion
 - o Proposes to add six new casinos around the state and would allow slot machines at racetracks.
 - o The Bill passed the Senate but has not been discussed in the House yet.
 - o Aurora was opposed, all area legislators voted no on it.

- House Bill (HB) 321, HB 326, HB 355, HB 472, HB 473, HB 474 (McSweeney)
 - o Proposes to limit the use of red light cameras.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed because it pre-empts home rule authority.
 - o Action is possible during Spring session of the General Assembly.

- Senate Bill 1578/House Bill 689 (Harmon/Guzzardi)
 - o Bill seeks to place new regulations on municipal asset forfeiture.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed because it would create an administrative burden on the police.
 - o Additionally, the State of Illinois would have the ability to charge Aurora a service fee for listing seized assets on a website.
 - o Aurora police attended meeting in Springfield to express concerns and Chief Ziman also individually lobbied area legislators.
 - o Action is very likely during Spring session of the General Assembly.

- House Bill 713 (Chapa LaVia)
 - o Municipal Tax Increment Finance (TIF) requirements
 - o This legislation would make it difficult for municipalities to enter into TIF agreements, it proposes to make it more difficult to recapture property tax revenue.
 - o It is scheduled for a hearing March 16th.

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- House Bill 2964 (Nekritz)
 - o Municipal TIF restrictions
 - o Bill would amend the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code.
 - o Provides that when a redevelopment project area has been dissolved, completed, or terminated under the Act, property within that redevelopment project area may not become part of another redevelopment project area for 15 years after the date the former redevelopment project area dissolved, completed, or terminated.
 - o The bill was filed in response to objections that High School District 214 had to the Village of Mount Prospect creating a new TIF district which includes some properties within the boundaries of a dissolved TIF district.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed to this bill.
 - o The bill is scheduled for a hearing on March 16th.

- Senate Bill 1683 (Sandoval)
 - o Stops municipalities from imposing vehicle limits.
 - o Provides that a municipality, township, county or other unit of local government may not impose a fee for a permit in excess of the fees provided for in the Permits Article of the Chapter under the Code governing size, weight, load, and permits.
 - o The bill is scheduled for a hearing March 14th.

- House Bill 3063 (Guzzardi)
 - o Farmers' market restrictions
 - o Bill proposes to put restrictions on farmers markets by requiring that the Department of Public Health shall work with a Farmers' Market Task Force to address vendor complaints regarding the reasonableness of local health departments' fees and sanitation provisions.
 - o The City of Chicago is opposed and City of Aurora is reviewing the legislation.

- House Bill 3209 (Costello)
 - o Bill mandates competitive bidding on local road projects.
 - o Provides that no unit of local government may make any contract, intergovernmental agreement or any other type of agreement with another unit of local government for the maintenance or construction of local roads, streets, and bridges that would have the effect of avoiding competitive bidding required by statute.
 - o Limits applicability of the Act under specified circumstances.
 - o Limits home rule powers.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed to the bill because it is too restrictive and pre-empts home rule authority.

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- House Bill 628 (Martwick)
 - o Foreign fire insurance bill
 - o Bill seeks to impose a 1% hard cap on the administrative fee charged by the Illinois Municipal League (IML) for its collection of Foreign Fire Tax revenue on behalf of municipalities.
 - o The IML maintains that a 1% administrative fee is insufficient to cover the costs of collecting and remitting the dollars.
 - o The IML has collected the tax, which amounts to approximately \$200,000 in annual revenue for Aurora, for over 80 years through a contractual arrangement with cities.
 - o Aurora is opposed, the legislation it currently stalled.

Government Relations:

- Capital Funding Requests
 - o The city is preparing capital funding requests in the event there is a state budget approved during the Spring Session.

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City of Aurora Activity Report March 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1783/House Bill 2972 (Stadelman/Chapa LaVia)
 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
 - o Bill proposes to extend the credit to 2022, they are currently set to expire on December 31, 2017.
 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities – Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis – to extend the historic tax credit and increase development opportunities for river front towns.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o The House Revenue Committee is scheduled to on meet April 12 to hear testimony.

- Senate Bill 1578/House Bill 689 (Harmon/Guzzardi)
 - o New regulations on municipal asset forfeiture
 - o The City of Aurora opposes this bill due to the administrative burden, additional costs and possible negative impacts on cases.
 - o The Aurora police attended meetings in Springfield to express concerns and Chief Ziman also individually lobbied area legislators.
 - o A final agreement has not been made but negotiations continue.
 - o Action is very likely during Spring session of the General Assembly.

- House Bill 2964 (Nekritz) –
 - o Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) restrictions
 - o Seeks to amend the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code.
 - o Provides that when a redevelopment project area has been dissolved, completed, or terminated under the Act, property within that redevelopment project area may not become part of another redevelopment project area for 15 years after the date the former redevelopment project area dissolved, completed, or terminated.
 - o The bill was filed in response to objections that High School District 214 had to the Village of Mount Prospect creating a new TIF district which includes some properties within the boundaries of a dissolved TIF district.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed to the bill and DSI has met with all area legislators and urged them to oppose.

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- Senate Bill 7 (Link)
 - o Gambling expansion bill.
 - o Seeks to add six new casinos around the state and would allow slot machines at racetracks.
 - o The bill passed the Senate but hasn't been discussed in the House yet.
 - o Aurora was opposed and all area legislators voted no on it.

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - o Small cell wireless facilities
 - o Legislation would allow cell phone companies to expand small cell wireless boxes across Illinois and impose state regulations on the practice.
 - o Overrides home rule power.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the legislation because it would usurp local power and affect major data centers located in Aurora in a negative manner.

- House Bill 2557 (Welch)
 - o Allows wireless companies to have certificates of public convenience
 - o Legislation would permit communications carriers that have been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) to be treated like public utilities with regard to the public right-of-way.
 - o Under this bill, companies like Mobilitie, a strictly privately-owned, for-profit commercial enterprise that does not provide any service directly to the public or individual customers, would have to be accommodated for obtaining a certificate from the ICC.
 - o The City of Aurora and DuPage Mayors and Managers are opposed to this bill.

- Senate Bill 985/House Bill 1894 (Tracy/Hays)
 - o State 911 regulatory funding
 - o The City of Aurora is monitoring this legislation because it could affect the city's compliance with new state 911 laws.

- Senate Bill 1683 (Sandoval)
 - o Stops municipalities from imposing vehicle limits
 - o Provides that a municipality, township, county, or other unit of local government may not impose a fee for a permit in excess of the fees provided for in the Permits Article of the Chapter under the Code governing size, weight, load, and permits.
 - o Overrides home rule powers.
 - o The bill is in in the Transportation Committee and has not been voted on yet.

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- Senate Bill 510 (Sandoval)
 - o Red light camera study
 - o Would require the state to study the effectiveness of red light cameras.
 - o Similar legislation in other states led to a shutdown of the red light camera program.
 - o Overrides home rule powers.
 - o Aurora is monitoring the bill.

- House Bill 3209 (Costello)
 - o Mandates competitive bidding on local road projects
 - o Provides that no unit of local government may make any contract, intergovernmental agreement, or any other type of agreement with another unit of local government for the maintenance or construction of local roads, streets, and bridges that would have the effect of avoiding competitive bidding required by statute.
 - o Limits applicability of the Act under specified circumstances.
 - o Limits home rule powers.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the bill because it is too restrictive.
 - o The bill did not get approved in committee, so it is likely dead.

- House Bill 628 (Martwick)
 - o Foreign fire insurance bill
 - o Would impose a 1% hard cap on the administrative fee charged by Illinois Municipal League (IML) for its collection of foreign fire tax revenue on behalf of municipalities.
 - o The IML maintains that a 1% administrative fee is insufficient to cover the costs of collecting and remitting the dollars.
 - o The IML has collected the tax, which amounts to approximately \$200K annually in Aurora, for over 80 years through a contractual arrangement with cities.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the legislation.

- House Bill 713 (Chapa LaVia)
 - o Municipal TIF requirements
 - o This legislation could make it more difficult for municipalities to enter into TIF agreements by making it harder to recapture the property tax revenue.
 - o The origin of this legislation is unclear.
 - o The bill did not advance out of committee so is likely dead for this year.

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 - o Overrides home rule authority
 - o The City Aurora is opposed.
 - o The bills have not advanced out of committee.

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City of Aurora Activity Report April 2017

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 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed the Senate 51-0 and is now up for consideration in the House Revenue and Finance Committee by next week.

- Senate Bill 7 (Link)
 - o Gambling expansion bill.
 - o Seeks to add six new casinos around the state and would allow slot machines at racetracks.
 - o The bill passed the Senate but hasn't been discussed in the House yet.
 - o Aurora was opposed and all area legislators voted no on it.

- Senate Bill 1578/House Bill 689 (Harmon/Guzzardi)
 - o New regulations on municipal asset forfeiture
 - o The City of Aurora opposes this bill due to the administrative burden, additional costs and possible negative impacts on cases.
 - o The Aurora police attended meetings in Springfield to express concerns and Chief Ziman also individually lobbied area legislators.
 - o Final agreement has not been made but negotiations are continuing
 - o Action is very likely during Spring session of the General Assembly

- SB1451 (Link)
 - o Small cell wireless facilities
 - o Legislation would allow cell phone companies to expand small cell wireless boxes across Illinois and impose state regulations on the practice.
 - o Overrides home rule power.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the legislation because it would usurp local power and affect major data centers located in Aurora in a negative manner.

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- Senate Bill 510 (Jones)
 - o Red light camera study
 - o Preempts home rule authority.
 - o The City of Aurora is opposed this legislation.

- Senate Bill 985/House Bill 1894 (Tracy/Hays)
 - o State 911 regulatory funding
 - o The City of Aurora is monitoring this legislation because it will affect the city's compliance with new state 911 laws.

- HB3209 (Costello)
 - o Mandates competitive bidding on local road projects.
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 - o The IML has collected the tax, which amounts to approximately \$200K annually in Aurora, for over 80 years through a contractual arrangement with cities.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the legislation.

- HB 2964 (Nekritz) – Municipal TIF restrictions
 - o Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that when a redevelopment project area has been dissolved, completed, or terminated under the Act, property within that redevelopment project area may not become part of another redevelopment project area for 15 years after the date the former redevelopment project area dissolved, completed, or terminated.
 - o The City of Aurora remains opposed to the bill, DSI has met with all area legislators and urged them to oppose.
 - o The bill has stalled and might die.

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City of Aurora Activity Report May 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1783 (Stadelman)
 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
 - o Bill proposes to extend the credit to 2022, they are currently set to expire on December 31, 2017.
 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities – Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis – to extend the historic tax credit and increase development opportunities for river front towns.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Mayor Irvin testified before House Revenue and Finance Committee on the issue and Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 both houses and will soon head to the Governor’s desk.

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - o Small cell wireless facilities
 - o Legislation would allow cell phone companies to expand small cell wireless boxes across Illinois and impose state regulations on the practice.
 - o Overrides home rule power.
 - o Aurora is opposed to the legislation because it would usurp local power and affect major data centers located in Aurora in a negative manner.
 - o Aurora lobbyists played the key role in defeating, but bill may come back.

- Senate Bill 1839 (Tracy/Hays)
 - o State 911 regulatory funding
 - o Raises the cell phone fee from 87 cents to \$1.50 for users to fund 911 operations.
 - o Bill headed to the Governor’s desk where its outlook is uncertain.

- Senate Bill 7 (Link)
 - o Gambling expansion
 - o Bill would add six new casinos around the state and would allow slot machines at racetracks.
 - o Bill passed the Senate but hasn’t been discussed in the House yet.
 - o Aurora was opposed due to the potential for negative impact on local gaming revenue and all area legislators voted no on it.

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- Senate Bill 1578 (Harmon)

- The City of Aurora opposes this bill due to the administrative burden, additional costs and possible negative impacts on cases.
- The Aurora police attended meetings in Springfield to express concerns and Chief Ziman also individually lobbied area legislators.
- Final agreement has not been made but negotiations are continuing.
- The bill is poised to pass later this month when the General Assembly reconvenes.

- Senate Bill 510 (Jones)

- Red light camera study
- Preempts home rule authority.
- The City of Aurora is opposed this legislation.
- The bill is being held for now.

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City of Aurora Activity Report June 2017

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 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
 - o Bill proposes to extend the credit to 2022, they are currently set to expire on December 31, 2017.
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 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Mayor Irvin testified before House Revenue and Finance Committee on the issue and Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o Deadline is August 22 for Governor to act on legislation.

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- Senate Bill 1839 (Tracy/Hays)
 - o State 911 regulatory funding
 - o Raises the cell phone fee from 87 cents to \$1.50 for users to fund 911 operations.
 - o Governor vetoed the bill and the General Assembly overrode his veto, so it becomes law.

Government Relations Activities:

- Sales Tax Collection
 - o It appears that a new sales tax collection plan in the state budget could cost Aurora several hundred thousand dollars per year.
 - o There may be an opportunity for a fix in the General Assembly's fall veto session.

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- Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF)
 - o Currently, the actual dollar amount the City of Aurora will lose is unclear.
 - o DSI is conducting analysis and will report back.

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City of Aurora Activity Report July 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1783 (Stadelman)
 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
 - o Bill proposes to extend the credit to 2022, they are currently set to expire on December 31, 2017.
 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities – Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis – to extend the historic tax credit and increase development opportunities for river front towns.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Mayor Irvin testified before House Revenue and Finance Committee on the issue and Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o Deadline is August 22 for Governor to act on legislation.
 - o Governor Rauner is not anticipated to act until August 14 at the earliest.

Government Relations Activities:

- **Sales tax collection**
 - o The Illinois Department of Revenue can now charge a 2 percent fee to collect sales taxes for municipalities such as Aurora, which will have a significant impact on the city.
 - o There is an opportunity for a fix in the General Assembly’s fall veto session or in the Spring 2018 session, DSI will keep Aurora apprised.
 - o Aurora has asked Illinois Department of Revenue how specifically the 2 percent sales tax collection fee will affect specific sales tax disbursements.
- **Federal Housing and Urban Development funding**
 - o A Subsidy Layering Review (SLR) for the Waubonsee Community College arts center project in downtown Aurora has been submitted to the Department of Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - o DSI is helping to contact federal officials such as Senator Durbin and Congressman Hultgren to expedite the approval of the SLR.

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- **Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF)**
 - The time and amount of Aurora's Local Government Distributive Funds (LDGF) payments will change for the 2018 year.
 - LGDF is only funded at 90 percent for fiscal year 2018, however, Aurora and other cities should receive two extra payments per the new legislation.
 - The City of Aurora's fiscal year is different than the State's so DSI is analyzing when those payments will be made and the actual fiscal impact.
 - An official request has been made to the Department of Revenue for how much of an impact the timing of the payments will have on Aurora's budget plan for fiscal years 2017 and 2018.
 - Below is the schedule for LGDF distributions for July, August, and September. Please note that the accelerated payments for July and August receipts are distributed at a 90% level due to the change in statute:
 - The April receipts distributed by IDOR in May will be paid by the Comptroller in July at a 100% level.
 - The May receipts distributed by IDOR in June will be paid by the Comptroller in August at a 100% level.
 - Additionally, the July receipts will be distributed by IDOR and paid by the Comptroller in August at a 90% level (first accelerated payment).
 - The June receipts distributed by IDOR in July and the August receipts distributed by IDOR in September will be paid by the Comptroller in September. June will be at 100% and August will be at 90% (second accelerated payment).

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City of Aurora Activity Report August 2017

Legislation:

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 - o River Edge Redevelopment Zone Historic Tax Credit
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 - o The City of Aurora continues to work with other River Edge cities – Rockford, Elgin, Peoria and East St. Louis – to extend the historic tax credit and increase development opportunities for river front towns.
 - o Senate Bill 1783 passed Senate Revenue Committee and is now poised for final vote in the State Senate.
 - o Mayor Irvin testified before House Revenue and Finance Committee on the issue and Dan Shomoni Inc. (DSI) expanded the public relations and social media efforts in conjunction with River Edge cities coalition.
 - o Governor signed the legislation August 18 at the Mayor’s 100th Day Event in Aurora with many local legislators present.

- Senate Bill 31 (Cullerton)
 - o Trust Act
 - o The Trust Act forbids local police from holding people for immigration purposes without court-ordered warrants.
 - o It also forbids local police from stopping, searching or arresting anyone based on their immigration or citizenship status.
 - o Mayor Irvin and Police Chief Kristen Ziman officially supported the measure and Chief Ziman attended the Governor’s bill signing on August 28.
 - o DSI helped to prepare the Mayor’s statement on the legislation.

- Senate Bill 1947 (Manar)
 - o Education funding bill
 - o All districts are guaranteed to receive at least the same amount of money as did last year, the bill will annually provide at least \$350 million in new revenue to schools through the new formula, giving priority to districts with poor property wealth.
 - o The bill also includes a first-ever private school tax credit of \$75 million.
 - o DSI provided Mayor and staff with regular updates on the legislation.
 - o The Governor signed the bill on August 31, ending the legislative session until the fall veto session, which is likely to begin October 24.

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Government Relations Activities:

- Federal Housing and Urban Development approval for Aurora project
 - o A Subsidy Layering Review (SLR) for the Waubensee Community College arts center project in downtown Aurora has been submitted to the Department of Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - o DSI is helping to contact federal officials such as Senator Durbin and Congressman Hultgren to expedite the approval of the SLR.

- Kiddie Car site
 - o DSI investigating possible state or federal help for cleanup of the site along the Fox River.
 - o DSI spoke to the Illinois EPA about setting up a conference call in the next few weeks to discuss the issue.

- Meeting with Congressman Hultgren's aide
 - o Dan Shomon, Alex Alexandrou, Alex Voigt and Chuck Nelson met with Rep. Randy Hultgren's deputy district director Beth Goncher to discuss pressing issues with the City of Aurora.
 - o Congressman Hultgren plans to meet with Mayor Irvin on September 19.

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City of Aurora Activity Report September 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - o Bill to allow telecom companies to install small cell wireless antennas
Legislation is likely to be brought up by the telecom companies in the General Assembly's fall veto session on October 24.
 - o The City of Aurora remains opposed to the bill because it overrides home rule authority and the city's telecommunications ordinance as well as caps the fees municipalities can charge.
 - o The bill failed by nine votes in the House during the Spring session so it may be difficult for supporters to obtain passage.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) will be in Springfield to fight hard against the bill and will implement a social media campaign against the measure if necessary.

- Senate Bill 1905 (Silverstein – Holmes)
 - o Bill would prevent the creation of right to work zones
 - o The legislation would prohibit local governments from creating right to work zones.
 - o The bill was pushed by unions and passed both houses.
 - o Governor Rauner vetoed the bill, so it could be called for a vote during the fall veto session that begins October 24.

Government Relations Activities:

- Federal Housing and Urban Development approval for Aurora project
 - o A Subsidy Layering Review (SLR) for the Waubensee Community College arts center project in downtown Aurora has been submitted to the Department of Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
 - o DSI is helping to contact federal officials such as Senator Durbin and Congressman Hultgren to expedite the approval of the SLR.
 - o The City of Aurora was granted SLR approval.

- River Edge appreciation event
 - o DSI helped city officials plan an event to honor legislators who supported the River Edge tax credit.

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City of Aurora Activity Report October 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - o Bill to allow telecom companies to install small cell wireless antennas Legislation is likely to be brought up by the telecom companies in the General Assembly's fall veto session on October 24.
 - o The City of Aurora remains opposed to the bill because it overrides home rule authority and the city's telecommunications ordinance as well as caps the fees municipalities can charge.
 - o The bill failed by nine votes in the House during the Spring session but it passed the House with only 62 votes (60 needed) after a fierce fight led by City of Aurora. The fight was against telecom companies that give over \$1 million annually to legislators and the Governor in campaign contributions and they have more than 30 contract lobbyists in the capital.
 - o Chicago is exempted from the bill because it is working on a municipal telecom ordinance; for that reason, Aurora and other communities with telecom ordinances should be exempt.
 - o Bill appears to have enough vote to pass the Senate, so an effort will be made to encourage Governor Rauner to veto it.
 - o The final option is to consider litigation.

- Senate Bill 851 (Mussman)
 - o Two-year property tax freeze for municipalities and schools
 - o Bill would have cost Aurora up to a half million dollars per year.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) team worked against the bill and it appears to be dead for this year as it did not get called for a final vote in the House of Representatives.

- Senate Bill 1905 (Silverstein-Holmes)
 - o Bill would prevent the creation of right to work zones
 - o The legislation sought to prohibit local governments from creating right to work zones.
 - o The bill was pushed by unions and even though it passed both houses, the Governor vetoed it.
 - o Legislators fell one vote short of overriding the Governor's veto, the bill is dead.

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- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - o Reduces state sales tax collection fee to 1 percent.
 - o During the Spring session, the General Assembly and the Governor imposed a 2 percent sales tax collection fee on municipalities.
 - o The cost to Aurora is over \$400,000.00.
 - o Legislation that would reduce that to 1 percent was advanced in the fall veto session but fell short of passage
 - o The proposed legislation will be reintroduced in the Spring 2018 session.
 - o The City of Aurora supports the reduction from 2 to 1 percent.

Government Relations Activities:

- River Edge appreciation event/federal historic tax credit
 - o DSI attended the City of Aurora event to honor legislators who supported the River Edge tax credit.
 - o The event was September 12 at Basil's in Aurora.
 - o The city also weighed in with Congressman Hultgren in opposition to possible elimination of the federal historic tax credit, writing a letter from the Mayor.

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City of Aurora Activity Report November 2017

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - o Bill to allow telecom companies to install small cell wireless antennas
 - o Legislation was brought up by the telecom companies in the General Assembly's fall veto session on October 24, 2017.
 - o City of Aurora remained opposed to the bill because it preempts home rule authority, caps the fees municipalities can charge and overrides the city's telecommunication ordinance.
 - o The bill failed by nine votes in the House during the Spring session but it passed the House with only 62 votes (60 needed) in the fall veto session after a fierce fight led by City of Aurora.
 - o The fight was against telecom companies that give over \$1 million annually to legislators and the Governor in campaign contributions; the companies have more than 30 contract lobbyists in the capital.
 - o Chicago is exempted from the bill because it is working on a municipal telecom ordinance but for that reason, Aurora and other communities with telecom ordinances should be exempt.
 - o Currently, the bill is being held on a parliamentary hold as the Senate President works on possible exemptions for cable and municipalities.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc.'s (DSI) lobbyist team is taking the lead in the coalition to draft exemptions to the project.

- Senate Bill 851 (Mussman)
 - o Two-year property tax freeze for municipalities and schools
 - o The bill has the potential to cost Aurora up to a half million dollars per year.
 - o The lobbyist team worked against the bill and it appears dead for this year as it did not get called for a final vote in the House of Representatives.

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- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - o Reduces state sales tax collection fee from two (2) percent to one (1) percent
 - o During the Spring session, the General Assembly and the Governor imposed a two (2) percent sales tax collection fee on municipalities.
 - o The price tag for Aurora on this was over \$400,000.
 - o The legislation that would reduce the fee to one (1) percent was advanced in the fall veto session but fell short of passage.
 - o It will be reintroduced in the Spring legislative session of 2018 and City of Aurora will support.
 - o The Illinois Department of Revenue says it will work with municipalities on possibly reducing the fee, but not until July 1, 2018, so Aurora is likely to lose the two (2) percent funding for the first half of 2018.

Government relations activities:

- Aurora Arts Center project:
 - o Lobbyist team reached out to key federal officials in Rep. Hultgren and Senator Durbin's office to keep project on track.
 - o Helped craft solutions to complex federal regulatory issues throughout the project.
- Federal historic tax credit:
 - o Worked with Mayor Irvin to provide a letter of support for Landmarks Illinois regarding the importance of the federal historic tax credit to Aurora.
 - o This federal credit is extremely beneficial to downtown redevelopment projects in Aurora.

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