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City of Aurora Activity Report January 2018

Legislation:

- Senate Bill 1451 – Bill to allow telecom companies to install small cell wireless antennas (Link)
 - o Bill passed both houses of the General Assembly but has not been sent to the Governor because of a parliamentary hold.
 - o The City of Aurora remains opposed to the bill because it preempts home rule authority, caps the fees municipalities can charge and overrides the city's existing telecommunications ordinance.
 - o Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) team is working with Naperville, DuPage County and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to urge the Governor to veto the legislation.
 - o DSI also drafted and worked on possible exemptions to legislation.

Government relations activities:

- Tobacco 21
 - o Set up a meeting between American Heart Association, Respiratory Health Association and American Cancer Society and Mayor Irvin to discuss proposals to raise the age for tobacco sales in Aurora to 21.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
 - o Worked with the city to track committee that is studying changes to the state's TIF law.

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City of Aurora Activity Report February 2018

Legislation:

Bills Aurora supports:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Supports the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) by allowing the school to charge tuition for out of state students.
- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - Department of Revenue sales tax collection fee would be reduced from two (2) percent to one (1) percent.
 - Bill would replace some of the revenue taken from the City of Aurora in the 2018 budget.
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21 statewide.

Bills Aurora opposes:

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - Small Cell wireless bill
- Senate Bill 2918 (Sandoval)/Senate Bill 3098 (Sandoval)
 - Removes local government authority to regulate trucking.
- House Bill 4800 (Harper)
 - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money can be raided to pay for schools.

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge tax cleanup helps developers recapture costs.
- Senate Bill 2475 (McConnaughay) –
 - Massive expansion of River Edge program.
- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)/Senate Bill 3050 (Manar)
 - Proposed legislation pertaining to the Fire Chief's qualifications.
 - Opposed by the Illinois Municipal League.

- House Bill 2717 (Welch)
 - Legislation that would allow municipalities to share sensitive financial data with third parties in an effort to capture more tax revenue.

Government relations activities:

- 2018 planning
 - Dan Shomon Inc. developed an action plan for the City of Aurora for the Spring 2018 legislative session.
 - The City of Aurora is planning to hold a lobby day in Springfield in early May.

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City of Aurora Activity Report March 2018

Legislation:

Bills Aurora supports:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Supports the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) by allowing the school to charge tuition for out of state students.
- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - Department of Revenue sales tax collection fee would be reduced from two (2) percent to one (1) percent.
 - Bill would replace some of the revenue taken from the City of Aurora in the 2018 budget.
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21 statewide.
- House Bill 1187 (Zalewski)
 - Legislation to give cities that had telecommunications ordinances an exemption from Small Cell law.
- Senate Bill 2577 (Castro)
 - Legislation would allow cities to collect online sales taxes.
- House Bill 2717 (Welch)
 - Bill would allow the Department of Revenue to share confidential sales tax information related to a municipality with a designated independent third party.
 - Possible source of revenue for municipalities.

Bills Aurora opposes:

- Senate Bill 1451 (Link)
 - Worked in partnership with DuPage Mayors and Managers on possible changes to the bill or a trailer bill.
- Senate Bill 2918 (Sandoval)/Senate Bill 3098 (Sandoval)
 - Removes local government authority to regulate trucking.
- House Bill 4800 (Harper)
 - Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money can be raided to pay for schools.

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 3080 (Steans) –
 - Wide-ranging requirements to protect Illinoisans from lead in water.
 - Worked with the City of Aurora to make suggested changes to this potentially costly legislation.
 - DSI continues to monitor.
- House Bill 813 (Hoffman)
 - Prevailing wage bill.
- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge tax cleanup helps developers recapture costs.
- Senate Bill 2475 (McConnaughay)
 - Massive expansion of River Edge program.
- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)/SB3050 (Manar)
 - Proposed legislation pertaining to the Fire Chief's qualifications.
 - Opposed by the Illinois Municipal League.

Government relations activities:

- 2018 planning
 - DSI developed schedule of events and plans for Metro West/DuPage Mayors and Managers/Illinois Municipal League lobby days in Springfield.
 - DSI attended Aurora Arts Center groundbreaking.
 - DSI team attending State of the City speech April 3.

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City of Aurora Activity Report April 2018

Legislation:

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Supports the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) by allowing the school to accept and charge tuition for out of state students.
- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - Proposes the Department of Revenue sales tax collection fee is reduced from two (2) percent to one (1) percent.
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales from eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21).
- Senate Bill 2577 (Castro)
 - Allows Aurora to collect online sales taxes.
- House Bill 2717 (Welch)
 - Allows the Department of Revenue to share confidential sales tax information related to a municipality with a designated independent third party if requested in writing.
- Senate Bill 2483 (Cullerton)
 - Provides Aurora more flexibility when it comes to using Hotel/Motel tax revenue.

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- House Bill 5146 (Mayfield)
 - Gaming expansion legislation that would hurt Aurora.

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 2610 (Clayborne)
 - Requires Aurora and other cities and counties to set up a Business Enterprise Program for minority contracting or risk losing motor fuel tax funding.
- House Bill 1187 (Zalewski)
 - Legislation to give cities with existing telecommunications ordinances an exemption from Small Cell law.

- Senate Bill 3080 (Steans)
 - Wide-ranging requirements to protect Illinoisans from lead in water; worked with the City of Aurora to make suggested changes to what would be very costly legislation.
- House Bill 813 (Hoffman)
 - Prevailing wage would have to be paid for any projects with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) areas in municipalities.
- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge tax cleanup helps developers recapture costs.
- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)/Senate Bill 3050 (Manar)
 - Fire chief bills that are initiatives of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois.
 - Proposes language on how fire chiefs should be qualified.
 - The bill is opposed by the Illinois Municipal League.

Government relations activities:

- Metro West/DuPage Mayors and Managers/Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day
 - Organized meetings for Mayor Irvin and city staff with key lawmakers and a dinner with black caucus members.
- Legislative breakfast
 - Mayor Irvin hosted the first legislative quarterly breakfast on April 6 in Aurora.
 - Attendees included Reps. Kifowit, Andersson and Fortner, Senator Holmes and representatives for Rep. Chapa LaVia and Rep. Wheeler.
 - Mayor and legislative representatives discussed priorities for the city in Springfield.

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City of Aurora Activity Report May 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Helps IMSA by allowing the school to charge tuition for out of state students.
 - *Bill is heading to Governor's desk.*
- House Bill 4101 (DeLuca)
 - Department of Revenue sales tax collection fee would be reduced from two (2) percent to one (1) percent.
 - *Bill didn't pass but fee was changed to 1.5 percent in budget implementation bill.*
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21.
 - *Bill is headed to the Governor's desk for signature.*
- Senate Bill 2577 (Castro)
 - Would allow Aurora to collect online sales taxes.
 - *Bill passed the Senate but failed in the House.*
- House Bill 2717 (Welch)
 - Allows the Department of Revenue to share confidential sales tax information related to a municipality with a designated independent third party.
 - *Bill failed in the House.*
- Senate Bill 2483 (Cullerton)
 - Would provide more flexibility in how Hotel/Motel tax revenue could be used.
 - *Bill did not pass the Senate.*
- Senate Bill 2562 (Sandoval)
 - Expands the limited use of unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) for local law enforcement.
 - Specifically, for use cases including identifying possible criminal activity, evaluating crowd size and movement, public safety, and monitoring potential infrastructure weaknesses in public places.
 - *Bill passed the House but was too late to get final approval in the Senate.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that forces cities to only hire fire chiefs with certain qualifications.
 - *Bill is headed to the Governor's desk for signature.*
 - *The City of Aurora sent a letter to Governor Rawzer urging that he veto the legislation.*
- House Bill 5146 (Mayfield)
 - Gaming expansion legislation that would hurt Aurora.
 - *The Gaming Committee heard testimony on the legislation but no vote was taken; this issue is expected to come back in the fall veto session scheduled for November.*

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 2610 (Clayborne)
 - Would require Aurora and other cities and counties to set up a "Business Enterprise Program" for minority contracting or risk losing motor fuel tax funding.
 - *Bill fell short of passage in the House.*
- House Bill 1187 (Zalewski)
 - Legislation sought to give cities that had telecommunications ordinances an exemption from the new Small Cell law.
 - *Bill died in committee.*
- Senate Bill 3080 (Steans)
 - Bill sought to implement wide-ranging requirements regarding lead in drinking water.
 - Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) worked with the City of Aurora to provide suggested changes to this potential unfunded mandate.
 - *Bill didn't get a vote in the Senate but will be coming back in the fall veto session.*
- House Bill 813 (Hoffman)
 - Would require prevailing wage be paid for any projects with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) areas in municipalities.
 - *Bill didn't pass the House.*
- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge tax cleanup would assist developers in recapturing costs.
 - *The Bill passed both houses and also switched the program to the Historic Preservation division under the Department of Natural Resources.*

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City of Aurora Activity Report June 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Helps IMSA by allowing the school to charge tuition for out of state students.
 - *Bill sent to the Governor's desk on June 28 and must be acted on by August 28.*
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21
 - *Bill sent to the Governor's desk on June 28 and must be acted on by August 28.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- House Bill 5249 (Durkin)
 - Legislation would abolish Illinois property taxes effective July 1, 2019.
 - House Republican Leader Jim Durkin admits bill has no chance of passage; he is trying to send a message about property tax reform.
 - *Bill has just been introduced and cannot be acted upon until Fall Veto Session in November of 2018.*
- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that forces cities to only hire fire chiefs with certain qualifications.
 - *Bill was sent to Governor's desk June 28 and City of Aurora sent a letter to Governor Rauner urging a veto of the legislation.*
 - *Governor must act by August 28.*

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge tax cleanup; helps developers recapture costs and also switches program to the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.
 - *Bill passed both houses and was sent to the Governor on June 21; he must act by August 21.*

Government relations activities:

- Capital funding
 - o Several old capital funding projects were identified and placed in the state budget as line item grants for Aurora, Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) is analyzing whether these old grants can be revived.

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City of Aurora Activity Report July 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Provides the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA) the opportunity to charge tuition for out of state students.
 - *Bill sent to the Governor's desk on June 28 and must be acted on by August 28.*
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales statewide to 21.
 - *Bill sent to the Governor's desk on June 28 and must be acted on by August 28.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that mandates how cities select their Fire Chiefs, overrides home rule authority.
 - *Bill was sent to Governor's desk June 28; City of Aurora sent a letter to Governor Rauner urging a veto of the legislation.*
 - *Governor must act by August 28.*

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - Bill seeks to clarify provisions of the River Edge Historic Tax Credit tax bill; will assist developers recapture costs.
 - Also moves the program to the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources.
 - *Bill was signed by the Governor July 26.*

Government relations activities:

- Legislative breakfast
 - Aurora held its second quarterly legislative breakfast on July 26.
 - Discussion was focused on the Fox River and long-term infrastructure improvements; informative presentation by the Sierra Club.
 - Next breakfast will focus on capital proposals for the Fall Veto session and 2019 session.

- Capital funding
 - o Dan Shomon, Inc. (DSI) will meet with senior city staff to discuss proposed capital projects as the state plans a capital bill.

- Pension issue in Congress
 - o The Public Employee Pension Transparency Act (PEPTA) is currently being circulated by Congressman Devin Nunes (R-CA).
 - o This bill would set a dangerous precedent with regard to unfunded federal mandates, taxation of municipal bonds, and intrusion into the operations of state and local governments.
 - o The bill could have very negative impacts to Aurora's tax rate, bonding ability and other issues.
 - o Aurora wrote a letter of opposition to the legislation to Congressman Hultgren, and that will also be sent to Congressman Foster.

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City of Aurora Activity Report August 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2939 (Holmes)
 - Supports the Illinois Math and Science Academy by allowing the school to charge tuition for out of state students. *Bill signed by Governor Rauner.*
- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21. *Bill vetoed by Governor Rauner.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that would mandate hiring criteria for Fire Chiefs. *Bill vetoed by Governor Rauner.*

Bills to monitor:

- Senate Bill 3527 (Stadelman)
 - River Edge Historic Tax Credit cleanup bill; assists developers recapture costs and also moves the program to the Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Natural Resources. *Bill signed by Governor Rauner.*

Government relations activities:

- Capital funding
 - Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) met with city senior staff to discuss proposed projects as the state plans a capital bill.
- Data centers
 - DSI contacted Rep. Michael Zalewski, chairman of the House Revenue Committee, about the data center tax credit issue at the request of city staff.
 - Zalewski sponsored House Bill 5229 data center tax credit bill in 2018 but bill did not advance.
 - DSI will continue to work on this issue.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kristin Rubbelke at 701-720-2109 or Dan Shomon at 773-339-0476.



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City of Aurora Activity Report September 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Raise age for tobacco sales to 21. *Bill vetoed by Governor and there is a massive effort to override the veto.*
 - Dan Shomoni, Inc. (DSI) will connect with Illinois Municipal League to coordinate on the issue.

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that forces cities to only hire public safety directors and fire chiefs with certain qualifications.
 - The City of Aurora opposes this bill.
 - *Governor Rauner vetoed the legislation on August 27. It is highly likely that the Firefighters' Union will work to override the veto. The bill passed with supermajorities of legislators in both the House and Senate, so it likely to pass.*

Government Relations Activities:

- Capital funding
 - DSI met with city senior staff to discuss proposed capital projects as the state plans a capital bill.
 - City presented capital ideas to Legislator's legislative breakfast in October.
 - Legislators will give feedback on capital projects and then these projects will be submitted to legislative and gubernatorial staffs.
 - The plan will also be presented to key lawmakers from outside Aurora.

- Data center tax credits
 - At the request of city staff, DSI contacted Rep. Michael Zalewski, chairman of the House Revenue Committee, about the data center tax credit issue.
 - Zalewski sponsored House Bill 5229 (a data center tax credit bill) in 2018, but it did not advance.
 - The City of Aurora has committed to working with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the agency leading the effort.
 - The bill would help cement Aurora as data center hub



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City of Aurora Activity Report October 2018

Legislation (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
 - Bill proposed to raise age for tobacco sales to 21 statewide.
 - The bill was vetoed by Governor Rauner and there is a massive effort to override the veto.
 - *Dan Shomoni Inc. (DSI) will assist with the override during the General Assembly's Fall Veto Session beginning November 13th.*

Bills Aurora is monitoring:

- *Senate Bill 2610 (Clayborne)*
 - *Requires cities and counties that receive more than \$2 million annually in Motor Fuel Tax money from the state to enact a minority contracting ordinance by 2020.*
 - *Bill fell just a few votes short of passage and could come up for consideration in the Fall Veto Session.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that forces cities to only hire public safety directors and fire chiefs with certain qualifications.
 - Governor Rauner vetoed the legislation on August 27th, but it will be very hard to stop the Firefighters' Union from overriding the veto because the bill passed with supermajorities of legislators in both the House and Senate.
 - Aurora opposes the bill because it overrides home rule authority.

Government relations activities:

- Capital funding
 - DSI and city officials presented capital ideas to legislators at Aurora quarterly legislative breakfast October 15th.
 - Dave Bender of the American Council of Engineering Company attended the breakfast and briefed legislators on Aurora's capital needs.

- Data center tax credits
 - o Ben Brockschmidt of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce presented information about the data center tax credit bill at the quarterly Aurora legislative breakfast.
 - o Rep. Michael Zalewski, chairman of the House Revenue Committee, sponsored House Bill 5229, the data center tax credit bill in 2018, but bill did not advance.
 - o The City of Aurora is going to work in partnership with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce in support of HB5229.
 - o If passed, this bill would help cement Aurora as data center hub.

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City of Aurora Activity Report November 2018

Legislation being tracked (*updates are in italics*):

Bills Aurora is in favor of:

- Senate Bill 2332 (Morrison)/House Bill 4297 (Lilly)
- Raise age for tobacco sales to 21.
- Bill vetoed by Governor and there is a massive effort to override the veto.
 - *Override passed the State Senate but fell short in the House. The bill will be reintroduced in January.*

Bills Aurora is monitoring:

- Senate Bill 3080 (Steans)
 - Requires cities to implement massive lead in water testing programs.
 - *Aurora has been invited by American Water Works Association to participate in meeting with sponsor.*
 - *Legislation is expected to move forward in the 2019 Spring session.*
- Senate Bill 2610 (Clayborne)
 - Requires cities and counties that receive more than \$2 million annually in Motor Fuel Tax money from the state to enact a minority contracting ordinance by 2020.
 - *Bill did not move; Chicago asked for an exemption from the legislation.*

Bills Aurora is opposed to:

- Senate Bill 849 (McGuire)
 - Extends by two years the sunset to prohibit home rule units from taxing certain types of electric generation.
 - *This bill passed both houses and is headed to the Governor's desk.*
 - *Aurora opposes because it overrides Home Rule Authority.*
- Senate Bill 482 (John Cullerton)
 - Deals with sales tax on jet fuel and how the taxes may be used by local government.
 - *Bill is advancing and could be considered during the Lame Duck session scheduled for January 7.*
 - *Aurora opposes because it overrides Home Rule Authority.*

- Senate Bill 2619 (Anderson)
 - Initiative of the Associated Firefighters of Illinois that forces cities to only hire public safety directors and fire chiefs with certain qualifications.
 - *Both houses of the General Assembly voted to override the Governor's veto and now it will become law.*
 - *Aurora opposed this bill because it overrides Home Rule Authority.*

Government relations activities:

- Minority contracting
 - The City of Aurora is working with other government entities on how to best respond to the minority contracting legislation being pushed in Springfield.
 - Aurora wants to be proactive to help promote minority and veteran-owned businesses.

- Data center tax credits
 - In January, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce will be announcing a new study on data centers.
 - The IL Chamber plans to work with Aurora to coordinate an announcement of the new data center tax credit legislation.
 - Bill would help cement Aurora as data center hub.

- New 401k pension plans for police officers
 - New law takes effect that requires municipalities to set up 401k programs for new police officers.
 - Dan Shomon Inc. (DSI) will assist city with implementing the new law.
 - The new law is intended to prevent “double dipping” of required officers on pension programs.

- New elected officials
 - New Congressman-elect Lauren Underwood, who represents part of Aurora and will replace Congressman Randy Hultgren, will be visiting City Hall on December 13.
 - New State Representative-elect Karina Villa, who represents part of Aurora and will replace State Rep. Mike Fortner, also plans to visit City Hall soon.

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