



The Park Board of Trustees of the City of Galveston 2019 Federal Legislative Agenda

Federal Engagement in Beach Management

Galveston Island Beach Management

Support continued and regular placement of Beneficial Use of Dredged Material along the Galveston Island coastline. **Support** adequate annual funding for the Continuing Authorities Program, Section 204.

Support a change to FEMA's reimbursement policy for beneficial use beach nourishment projects.

Support continued funding of the Coastal Texas Ecosystem Protection and Restoration study to ultimately develop specific beach nourishment projects for Galveston Island.

Coastal Restoration

RESTORE Act

Monitor federal implementation of the RESTORE Act to ensure continued benefit to Galveston Island.

Support efforts to secure funding for projects and programs supported by the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees.

Offshore Energy Exploration Revenue Sharing

Support increased and expedited funding to states and coastal political subdivisions via adjustments to GOMESA.

Tourism Promotion

Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area

Support the creation of a Lone Star Coastal National Recreation Area.

Hotel Occupancy Taxes

Oppose legislation that would exempt Internet travel brokers from paying taxes on the full room rate paid by the consumer, thereby costing the Galveston Park Board the opportunity to collect the appropriate Hotel Occupancy Taxes from visitors to the region.

Tourism Legislation

Support legislation that aims to increase tourism in the United States, including provisions like those in the Jobs Originating through Launching Travel "JOLT" Act. **Support** the permanent reauthorization of the BRAND USA program. **Monitor** any changes to travel, tourism, and customs policies that could impact Galveston Island.

General Issues

National Flood Insurance Program

Support efforts to improve the National Flood Insurance Program for the benefit of all participants.

Infrastructure Investment

Support new federal investment in infrastructure. **Support** any and all opportunities to secure funding for the Galveston Park Board's infrastructure investment priorities.