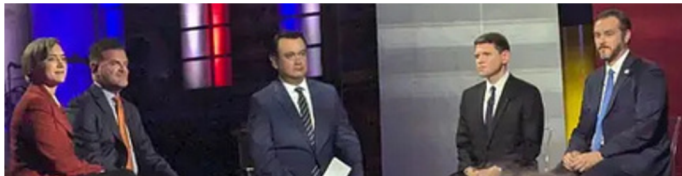


President's Report: Activity Update

Texas 2036 makes appearance at 2025 State of the State Address

Senior Vice President for Policy and Advocacy **John Hryhorchuk** was an invited guest to Gov. Greg Abbott's State of the State Address and also to the televised roundtable discussion hosted by KXAN-TV's Daniel Marin afterward. [Watch here.](#)



See the [top emergency items](#) we are watching closely this legislative session.

Gov. Abbott wants a 'Texas-sized' investment in water

Less than seven minutes into his State of the State address, Gov. Abbott announced that **water infrastructure funding would be a policy priority** and an emergency item for the 2025 legislative session. [Here's why the timing of Gov. Abbott's declaration couldn't be better.](#)

How Texas can address skyrocketing health care costs

As state budget writers prioritize key investments, a less-discussed cost driver has emerged in recent years as a strain on the state budget: skyrocketing health insurance costs for teachers and state employees.

Learn more: [How health care expenditures are squeezing Texas' budget](#)

Texas 2036 launches first PSA on Nexstar TV stations

Texas 2036's first public service announcement is making its rounds across Austin and Houston-area markets on Nexstar TV Stations and its streaming services.

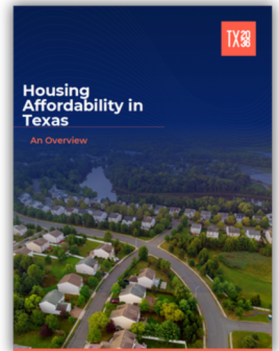
[Our PSA](#) touches on who we are and why we are working to build a better future for you, your family and all Texans.



Texas 2036 releases new report on housing affordability

Rising home prices, a growing shortage of housing units and restrictive land-use policies now threaten Texas' affordable housing.

Our new [Texas 2036 Housing Blueprint](#) outlines the policies needed to fix this crisis before it worsens, threatening generations of Texas' ability to achieve the American Dream.



Texas 2036 at the Capitol



In February, Texas 2036 testified **16 times** at the Capitol, primarily before the Senate Finance Committee as they considered Senate Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act.

Feb. 6: Director of Health and Economic Mobility Policy **Charles Miller** testified in support of fully funding the All-Payers Claims Database at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in an effort to address the growing strain of rising health care costs. [Watch here.](#)

Feb. 20: Policy Advisor **Gabe Grantham** testified before the Senate Education K-16 Committee in support of across-the-board pay raise for experienced teachers, as well as an expansion of the state's data-driven incentive pay structure. [Watch here.](#)

Feb. 24: Director of Natural Resources and Infrastructure Policy **Jeremy Mazur** testified in support of Senate Bill 565 removing a regulatory disincentive for the regionalization of water service. [Watch here.](#)

Texas 2036 in the Community

Feb. 5: **Jeremy Mazur** joined Texas Water Development Board Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney in a panel discussion on water legislation at the Texas Association of Water Companies Conference.

Feb. 5: **John Hryhorchuk** and Senior Policy Advisor **Luis Soberon** attended the UT-System Archer Scholars Lunch & Learn to discuss the legislative process and policy opportunities for 2025.

Feb. 12: Government Performance and Fiscal Policy Director **Rahul Sreenivasan** was a panelist at the Indeed Breakfast Panel on Workforce Challenges and Opportunities in Texas in the Age of AI.

Feb. 17: Senior Vice President of Development **Anne Krause** participated in the annual Board and Advisory Trustee meeting of the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio.

Feb. 18: **John Hryhorchuk** spoke at the Richardson Chamber of Commerce discussing Texas 2036 and our 2025 legislative priorities.

Feb. 18-19: Vice President of Data and Analytics **Holly Heard**, Data Analyst **Rodney Thomas** and Data Analyst **Carlo Castillo** of the data team attended the LONESTAR P3 at the University of Texas San Antonio.

Feb. 20: **Jeremy Mazur** joined Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs Chairman **Charles Perry**, R-Lubbock, on the water infrastructure panel at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's 2025 Policy Summit.

Feb. 20: Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez** spoke at the Fort Bend County Day sponsored by the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 21: President and CEO **David Leebron** participated in a panel discussion on the Texas economic landscape at the Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook, moderated by Chamber President and CEO **Aaron Cox**.

Feb. 24: **Jeremy Mazur** spoke with state Sen. **Kevin Sparks**, R-Midland, on the water policy panel discussion at the Texas Farm Bureau's Legislative Conference.

Feb. 27: **A.J. Rodriguez** spoke at Allen Day at the Capitol sponsored by the Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce.

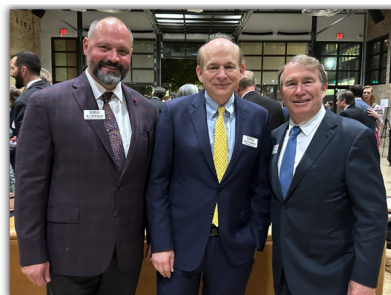
Texas 2036 team convenes in Austin to discuss 2025 legislative priorities and more

Nearly all of our Texas 2036 employees from Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin were able to gather on Feb. 14 at our Austin office this month to **reflect on our accomplishments and chart bold, ambitious goals** for the years ahead.

Texas 2036 board meets in Austin for biannual meeting

Texas 2036 hosted its biannual board meeting and a cocktail reception on **Feb. 25-26 in Austin**.

The reception at 800 Congress in downtown Austin welcomed **more than 150 guests**, which included legislators, board members and business leaders to discuss the 89th Texas Legislative Session.



(Left to right) Executive Vice President **A.J. Rodriguez**, President and CEO **David Leebron** and Texas 2036 Board Chairman **Marc Watts**.

Texas 2036 in the News

Thanks to the interest of media in what is happening at the Texas legislative session, Texas 2036 continues to surpass previous records in terms of garnering earned media, with **more than 300 articles**, TV and Radio broadcast stories featuring our people or mentioning our work.

Here's a sampling of the news stories:

- KERA-FM – **"Gov. Abbott lays out his agenda for Texas with emphasis on vouchers, water and property taxes"**
- Dallas Morning News – **"How will Gov. Abbott's priorities impact career training programs in Texas' high schools?"**
- KEYE-TV – **"Governor Abbott declares water infrastructure an emergency in state of the state address"**
- Austin American-Statesman – **"In Texas, inflation-adjusted state, local public school funding lower than 2011 | Analysis"**
- WOAI-TV – **"Texas water infrastructure in need of major updates; plans being put forward"**
- Dallas Morning News – **"Rogers: The Legislature needs to get serious about water"**
- WFAA - **"As water shortages loom, Texas lawmakers present ideas for new supply"**



On Feb. 21, **A.J. Rodriguez** and Director of Govt. Affairs **Jordan Wat** had the opportunity to talk about Texas 2036 and Texas' upcoming birthday on March 2 at KXAN's Studio 512 show.