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Councilman Joe Krier

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Dear Friends and Residents,

This week, the City Council conducted its 2015 Budget Goal Setting Session. The good news is that of the 7 topics that made the list, 4 of them were the issues that you told me in neighborhood meetings and as I block walked through our District are the most important. The priority goals for the 2015 Budget as agreed to by the City Council, are as follows:

1. Expand funding for street maintenance, curbs, sidewalks and address drainage issues.
2. Maintain and strengthen our commitment to public safety, which includes maintaining a structural and affordable balance in the budget. Develop a proposal to address the costs of public safety for this fiscal year and provide more information about further options to manage costs over the

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long term that will result in establishing a public safety percentage goal within the general fund.

3. Develop and fund a multi-year plan for park acquisitions and improvements in existing parks and analyze park usage to make effective decisions.
4. Enhance the City's investment in education and adult literacy efforts including support for our libraries.
5. Keep our economic development toolbox equipped in order to compete for good jobs and retain those we have now.
6. Expand and enhance strategies including animal care, code enforcement and neighborhood revitalization.
7. Fund and complete the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, including public space planning and the transportation, water and air quality policies.

Since the City currently projects a \$28-\$34 million budget deficit, I joined a 6 to 5 City Council majority vote to direct City Staff to develop a balanced budget *without* a property tax increase. This may require some reductions in non-police & fire services and/or some fee increases. Please click [HERE](#) for a survey on this issue.

We still have a long way to go until there is an agreed upon budget but I think, with this list of priorities, we are off to a good start. Budget adoption is not planned until September 11, 2014, and I will continue to advocate for our priorities and keep you informed during the budget process.

Additionally, as many of you know, last week I worked with four of my fellow Council members and filed a Council Consideration Request (CCR) (Click [HERE](#) for the CCR) in an effort to address the transparency issues in the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) and CPS Energy salary increase and bonus pay process. This action was prompted by the May 8th City Council meeting at which the SAWS CEO proposed approval of a 116% increase in water supply impact fees just weeks after he was awarded a sizeable pay increase and bonus by the SAWS board. These two contradictions concerned many in our District. As a result, I submitted an Op Ed column to the San Antonio Express-News that was recently published, click [HERE](#) to read the opinion editorial. My intent was to inform the public of the impact fee issue and to encourage SAWS to re-examine it and either get more in line with the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) recommendation of a 23% increase or phase in the increase so that it would not have such a drastic impact on the current housing market. Regrettably, in a 9 to 2 vote, the City Council approved the 116% water impact fee increase. However, in response to my concerns, that increase will not be implemented until June of 2015. The Council agreed with my original recommendation to increase the fee based on the Capital

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Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) by 23% effective June 2014.

Last, the City Council is in session next week, click [HERE](#) for the current agenda. As always, if there are topics you would like to see in my future newsletters, please let me know via email at [district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov). You can also follow us on Twitter: @joekrierD9 or like us on the District 9 public page: <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilmanJoeKrierDistrict9> Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone. Thanks again for the privilege of representing you.

Sincerely,



Joseph R Krier  
Councilman, District 9



### **2015 City Council Budget Goal Setting Session**

The City Council during Budget Goal Setting Session for the FY2015 budget and FY2016 budget plan. This was our opportunity to give the City Staff policy direction to help guide the development of the 2015 Proposed Budget and the FY2016 Budget Plan. We reviewed input from the various Budget Surveys, the

Community Budget Input Meetings conducted last week and individual input from Council members on proposed priorities (See priority list above). Please give me feedback on balancing the budget by taking our new budget survey (Click [HERE](#)) and/or feel free to contact me at [district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov) or 207-7325.



### The Traffic Signal at Hardy Oaks/Wilderness Oaks is Now Installed and Operational

After concerned residents reported the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Hardy Oaks and Wilderness Oaks, the City's Transportation & Capital Improvements Department completed their study and agreed with our residents on the need for the light. Work on the improvements began in April and was completed at the end of last week, one full week ahead of schedule. I am happy that we were able to help move this project along. Please let me know if your neighborhood has any safety concerns such as this one in the future at [district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov) or 207-7325.



### Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio

I was saddened to hear of the break-in at the East Side Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio that may prevent those children from participating in a summer journalism program. Click [HERE](#) for the story. Saddened because for some of the children who attend programs at the Boys and Girls clubs, it is their only outlet to prevent them from making bad choices with their free time this summer. Celebrities like Olympian Shawn White, Pop Star Jennifer Lopez and Academy Award Winner Denzel Washington credit similar programs for putting them on the right path towards success. Like most of the National programs, the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio's mission is to enhance the educational, social, and moral development of San Antonio's youth ages 6-18, especially those most disadvantaged by providing a fun, safe place full of age appropriate activities and opportunities. There are currently five locations around San Antonio, including the one in the northeast section of the city, the Candlewood Branch at 3635 Candleglenn Rd. I encourage you get involved with the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio or other children programs this summer. What benefits our children benefits our future! For more

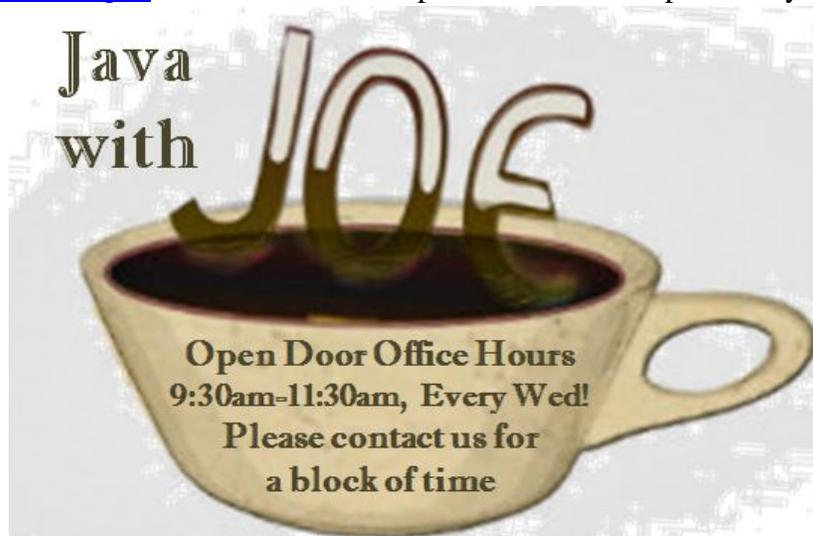
### This is a CHANGE!

I have moved my open door office hours from each Monday to **each Wednesday.**

Additionally, PLEASE NOTE that from

**9:30am-10:30am, you can schedule a private, first come/first serve appointment with me. Click [HERE](#) to request one of these appointments by Tuesday of each week.**

**From 10:30-11:30 each Wednesday I hold open/group discussions.** I invite any resident who wants to discuss a District 9 issue or just wants to have a cup of coffee with me, to come out to our District Office for "Java with Joe". If you want to meet with me and would prefer another time, please contact my Constituents Services Chief, Adam Trevino at [adam.trevino@sanantonio.gov](mailto:adam.trevino@sanantonio.gov) or 207-0955 to set-up at date/time. I hope to see you there!



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