



# THE STATE OF SEVEN (7)

## City Councilman

# CRIS MEDINA

## District 7

### A Community Impact Report for the Citizens of District 7



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**CRIS MEDINA**  
CITY COUNCILMAN  
DISTRICT 7

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying this wonderful autumn weather in San Antonio. With fall festivals, football and the holidays right around the corner, it's hard to believe that the month of October is nearly half way over. That is why as your Councilman, I wanted to keep you updated on the work and progress we are making for you at City Hall.

As a family man and father, my focus is working to make our streets safer, investing in our neighborhoods, helping businesses thrive and grow, and improving our infrastructure. This year we have taken aggressive action to reduce speeds on our neighborhood streets to increase safety for kids, reform the speed hump request and approval process, and increase graffiti abatement activities.

In the recently passed budget, I led the fight to oppose any increase in the property taxes and any significant reduction in city services. And throughout the budget process, I worked to make certain that the values and priorities of District 7 families were represented. In this budget, I secured significant additional funding for our brand new, first ever District 7 Senior Center, a new park at Thunderbird Hills, a new roof for the Woodlawn Lake Gym, the rollout of Safe Streets SA and a new fire truck for our first responders.

The new budget also eliminates vacant city positions, refinances our debt, and utilizes new technologies and processes to reduce government spending and ensure that we live within our means. In addition, the 2014 Budget will make meaningful investments in roads, sidewalks, parks, police, fire, and EMS. We also allocated an additional \$6.7 million to pay down our debt.

I am also happy to tell you that I was successful in cutting the CPS Energy rate increase request and triggering significant reforms to the controversial executive bonus program. It is a huge victory for ratepayers as we keep rates low and customer service high.

The state of District 7 is strong and getting stronger. The progress we have made at City Hall is achieving two of my primary goals: attracting new businesses and improving the quality of life for families. As always, our office is here to serve your family. If we can ever be of assistance, I hope you will feel free to reach out via phone, email, or an office visit. We look forward to serving you in 2014!

Sincerely,

Cris Medina  
City Councilmember, District 7

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*O.P. Schnabel Park was recently added to the inventory of beautiful green space in District 7 for families to enjoy.*



*Councilman Cris Medina recently welcomed to District 7, Fit-Life MD, located at Bandera Rd and Loop 1604*

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## NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

### Improvements Coming to Nani Falcone and French Creek Parks

Nani Falcone and French Creek Parks will soon undergo major improvements and upgrades that will further beautify these family green spaces. Public Meetings are scheduled later this year for the community to provide input and ideas on how to further enhance these two parks.

Please contact our office to provide input on how we can continue to beautify our neighborhood parks.



*French Creek Park will receive \$350,000 for additional development and park improvements via the voter approved 2012 Bond.*

*Nani Falcone Park will receive \$200,000 for park improvements and the construction of a first-class dog park*

## BUDGET NEWS

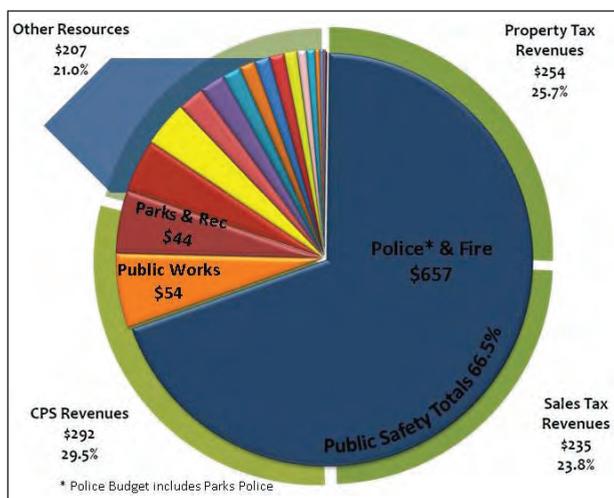
### 2014 City Budget

On September 12th, the City Council voted to adopt the City of San Antonio Fiscal Year 2014 Budget. The \$2.3 billion budget aligns the City's spending plan with SA2020 goals and focuses on the community and city council priorities of police, fire, streets and sidewalks, animal care services, code enforcement, neighborhood revitalization and economic development. The FY 2014 Budget also allows the City to maintain responsible fiscal health and a strong credit rating.

#### Other highlights in the FY 2014 Budget include:

- No City Property Tax Rate Increase
- FY 2014 Budget is balanced
- Maintains current Public Safety staffing levels
- Continues funding for streets
- Increases funding for sidewalks and drainage
- Expands 3 Senior Centers
- Neighborhood Revitalization

For complete information regarding the City's budget, please visit [www.sanantonio.gov/budget](http://www.sanantonio.gov/budget).



## NONPROFIT SPOTLIGHT



Providence Place, founded in 1895, built its 25-acre campus in Northwest San Antonio, 6487 Whitby Rd, in 1968 with a core mission focused on the care of women and children and young adults with disabilities.

Beginning in the 1970, Providence Place expanded to include other young people with cognitive and physical disabilities. Thousands of students have now graduated from Providence Place's Center for Higher Independence and have achieved a basic level of personal independence.

In 2001, the initiative Ectropia was developed, which invites other community agencies with compatible missions to collaborate with Providence Place, offering transitional housing opportunity so they avoid major capital expense and providing access to campus resources. Current Ectropia community partners include the San Antonio Food Bank, Volunteers of America, HandsOn, and the San Antonio Humane Society.

For those interested in supporting Providence Place, please visit their website [www.provplace.org/](http://www.provplace.org/) or call (210) 696-2410.



*Councilman Cris Medina recently presented Providence Place with an official recognition for their contribution to the community*

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## IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### 2012 Bond Program and Safety Enhancements

Approved by voters in May 2012, the City's \$596 million dollar bond program will be bringing many much-needed infrastructure and drainage projects to District 7. Councilman Medina worked closely with the community to identify several projects that will positively impact your neighborhood and community:

**Bandera Rd & Eckhart Rd:** Intersection improvements to include complete reconstruction with median modifications to improve left turn movements and extend existing turn lanes as needed.

**Bandera Rd & Tezel Rd:** Intersection improvements to include complete reconstruction with dual left turn lanes and traffic lane modifications as needed.

**Callaghan Rd (Evers Rd to Centerview Dr.):** to include complete reconstruction and widening of Callaghan Rd to four lanes and the installation of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and drainage improvements.

**Ingram Rd (Culebra Rd to Mabe Rd.):** to include complete reconstruction and widening of Ingram Rd to four lanes with a bike lane and the installation of curbs, sidewalks, driveway approaches, and drainage improvements.

**French Creek Park:** to include improvements to park amenities and features for the surrounding neighborhoods.

**Nani Falcone Park:** to include park improvements, expansion of available parking and the installation of a new dog park.



*To improve traffic and pedestrian safety along Mainland Rd, Councilman Medina allocated funding for a new guardrail and reflective chevrons*

Safety improvements are also very important to families in District 7. After receiving numerous complaints from residents that drive down Mainland Rd, an overall safety plan was identified for the area and funding for safety improvements was immediately allocated. A brand-new guardrail and reflective chevrons were installed along a potentially dangerous curve in the road. Two new all-way stops were also installed to better manage the traffic flow for the area and surrounding neighborhoods.

Although these improvements are a welcome sign of progress for the community, much more work is still needed. Additional safety and infrastructure improvement projects remain a top priority over these next two years. If you have ideas or suggestions for improving your neighborhood, please contact our office at (210) 207-0870 or email us at [district7@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district7@sanantonio.gov).

## SERVING OUR SENIORS

### Update: The New District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center



The new District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center is well on its way to becoming a reality for the community. Councilman Medina convened a committee of twelve community members to provide input and ideas for the new center. A future public meeting for the entire community to participate in the process is also planned for later this year.

Some of the highlights seniors can look forward to with the new center:

- 23,000 sq feet center
- A hot, nutritious meal served daily
- An on-site social services worker
- An exercise area for equipment and exercise classes
- On-site registered nurse and support staff
- Computer/internet café to search the web
- A gaming area to include pool tables, table tennis, and bingo
- Arts and crafts supplies and classes
- Library/reading area

After an exhaustive search, a location for the center was recently identified. The center will be located at 6157 NW Loop 410, previously a Mervyn's Department Store. Since District 7 stretches from Bandera and 1604 to Woodlawn Lake, the site was selected because it is centrally located.

To provide input or ideas for the new District 7 Multi-Purpose Senior Center, please give our office a call at 207-0870 or email us your suggestion to [district7@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district7@sanantonio.gov).



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 19** St. Dominic Catholic Church Fall Festival, 11am – 10pm
- October 26** District 7 Family Fall Fest at Nani Falcone Park, 2pm – 8pm
- October 31** **Happy Halloween**
- November 11** **Veterans Day**, City Holiday
- November 16** District 7 Community Health Fair at St. Paul’s Community Center, 9am – 1pm
- November 28** **Happy Thanksgiving**
- December 5** District 7 Excellence in Leadership Holiday Banquet at St. Luke’s Church, 6:30pm – 9pm
- December 25** **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!!**
- January 1** **Happy New Year**

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Proudly Presents

## 2013 WESTERN SECTOR COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

- ♥ Free Flu Shots\*
- ♥ Free Drinks\*
- ♥ Free Healthy Snacks\*
- ♥ Free Admission

\* While supplies last

**Saturday, November 16**  
9am to 1pm  
St. Paul Community Ctr.  
(1201 Donaldson)

Health Screenings Provided by Nix Health	Other Vendors and Providers Include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foot Screening</li> <li>• Blood Sugar</li> <li>• Blood Pressure</li> <li>• Depression and Stress Screening</li> <li>• Grip Strength</li> <li>• Body Mass Index (BMI)</li> <li>• SAW System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPS Energy</li> <li>• San Antonio Water Systems</li> <li>• San Antonio Parks and Recreation</li> <li>• Dept. Health &amp; Human Services</li> <li>• SPAY SA</li> <li>• Dist. 7 City Council Constituent Serv.</li> <li>• Plus more!!!</li> </ul>

For more information please call (210)579-3157 or visit [www.nixfoundation.org](http://www.nixfoundation.org)

## Councilman Cris Medina Invites You to the ANNUAL District 7 FALL Festival

**Entertainment FOOD information booths** | **October 26th Nani Falcone Park 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM** | **OUTDOOR MOVIE SHOWING Activities DOOR PRIZES**