



# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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Mayor

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## **City takes important step in protecting Camp Bullis** ***Two ordinances fulfill commitment to start implementing JLUS recommendations***

City Council approved development controls today as part of an aggressive effort to protect the vital military missions at Camp Bullis and Fort Sam Houston.

For the first time, developers with proposed projects near Camp Bullis will have to submit an affidavit to the city attesting that they have complied with the federal Endangered Species Act. Developers also now must release the name of the biologist who performs the required environmental assessment and the date upon which it was completed.

In a separate vote, the Council also approved a measure expanding from three to five miles a buffer zone within which downward lighting must be used on new developments.

Mayor Julián Castro, who has set a timetable to implement a series of recommendations contained in a recent Joint Land Use Study, said the measures will go a long way toward preserving the nighttime helicopter medic training conducted at Camp Bullis.

"Today's vote sends a strong signal to the community that protecting the military is a priority in San Antonio," Castro said. "We will do whatever is legally enforceable to make sure we continue to be known as Military City USA for decades to come."

Military officials praised the action by the Mayor and Council, as well as the city manager's office which spearheaded regular bi-weekly meetings with military officials.

"We appreciate their work with us, and all interested parties, to craft a very balanced (endangered species) ordinance," said Col. Mary Garr, commander of the U.S. Army Garrison-Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.

"This ordinance is one very successful step in establishing a comprehensive strategy to ensuring community support for current and future Department of Defense missions at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, including protection of our vital training missions," Garr said.