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Councilman Joe Krier

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Dear Friends and Residents,

Our standing Monday's Java with Joe at our District 9 field office, 16500 San Pedro, has been a well attended event. I encourage all that have the opportunity to stop in from 9:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m on the 2nd floor of the Frost Bank building at 281 and Thousand Oaks. A number of topics we have discussed include a sidewalk request, traffic and congestion issues, drainage concerns, utility issues, and pedestrian safety concerns. If you're unable to attend, always feel free to contact our office with your concern or request for information.

As you know, I have serious reservations about the proposed streetcar project. I have received a great deal of opposition to that project from throughout District 9. On January 30, 2014, I sent a letter to our City Attorney Robert Greenblum which asked him to respond to a few questions developed through discussion with neighbors. Those questions are:

1. What process would be required for the City to reconsider the streetcar project?
2. Under what circumstance will the City Council have future opportunities or obligations to vote on this issue?
3. Can the City place a referendum on this issue on the next city

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wide election? How would we go about doing so?

I will keep you informed as I receive a response from our City Attorney's office.

The Council has voted on our FY 2014 San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (EDF) Action Plan. This Ordinance approves the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation ("EDF") proposed Action Plan for FY 2014 for economic development. As you know during my years as a Chamber of Commerce CEO I worked to increase job opportunities for all San Antonians. I'm delighted that our current action plan continues the full cooperation of the public and private sectors. Both contribute dollars and staff to our efforts to bring more good jobs here and to retain and grow the ones we already have.

Finally, I urge you to join me in welcoming our new District 10 Councilman Mike Gallagher. My Council Colleagues and I voted to appoint Councilman Gallagher unanimously on January 30, 2014. I have known Mike as a longstanding neighborhood leader and volunteer on City Boards and Commissions. He will do a great job to provide continuity from my former colleague, Carlton Soules. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the Special Election for District 9 and District 10 on May 10.

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

P. S. Attached is this week's Council agenda. Click [here](#) to access it.



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Proposed Plastic Bag Ordinance

As reported last month, later this year, City council will be considering a plastic bag ban. If you have not previously responded, let me know what you think. Is there a need for imposing restrictions on plastic bags in our community, either immediately or with a phase in period of at least 6 months to allow for community education and preparation? Attached you will find the proposed [Environmental Policy](#) authored by fellow Councilman Cris Medina. Your participation in our [Plastic Bag Ordinance Survey](#) is greatly appreciated. Currently, the results show:

Are you aware of a proposal for the City of San Antonio to restrict single-use plastic bags?

87.19% I am aware of the proposal

12.81% I am not aware of the proposal

Does there need to be a restriction on single-use plastic bags?

19.50% Yes

63.51% No

16.43% Yes, with at least a 6 month phase in period for community outreach and preparation
0.56% No opinion

Total respondents so far: 359

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Dear Friends and Residents,

Much has happened since our last newsletter in the areas of streets, drainage, public safety, and Intergovernmental relations.

Streets and Drainage

Good streets and drainage are the cornerstone of the City's core functions. This week, I was delighted to vote for the approval of more than \$25,000,000 for the 2014-2015 Streets Maintenance Program. These funds provide for more than 25 projects in District 9, click [here](#) for a list. If we are truly going to get back to basics in City Government, completing long needed street improvements is essential.

Police and Fire

Since I became your Councilman, I have attended four meetings of the

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Legacy Task Force, chaired by former Councilman Reed Williams. The task Force has been studying the long term benefits and costs of our current police and fire contracts. Yesterday, the Task Force issued its report with the following conclusions and recommendations:

- Public Safety expenses have been growing faster than the General Fund revenues and City Council should establish policies and approve budgets that assure these expenses are managed and balanced within the General Fund revenues and expenditures.
- The City should continue to study active compensation, pre-funded healthcare for retirees, and retirement benefits and submit those recommendations to the City Council through its Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
- The City Council should review adjusting the uniformed level of healthcare benefit and contribution levels to more closely align with civilians, other peer cities, and public and private employers in San Antonio.

The Police and Fire Unions have issued a *Minority Report* in response to the Task Force recommendations.

I continue to believe we must have the best police and fire force possible. But, we need to do so consistent with sound and sustainable City finances.

SA to DC

Earlier this month a delegation of more than 50 travelled to Washington DC for the annual SA to DC event. The purpose of our visit was to work with our Congressional representatives on numerous issues including transportation, water quality, cyber security, medical and bio medical research. I have been on more than twenty of these trips, most as the CEO of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. Each time, I have been able to advocate for our community on issues relating to jobs and economic growth. From this year's meetings, it appears that another base closing initiative (BRAC) is unlikely before 2017.

Plastic Bag Ordinance

I am glad to report that Councilman Cris Medina has made the decision to postpone the decision of a ban on single use plastic bags. Our survey results have been running 2:1 against passing an ordinance. I'm grateful that my Council colleaue listened to my concerns and those of many of our District 9 residents. The issue is

scheduled to appear on the March 17th agenda of the City Governance Committee, which will consider recommending an educational campaign instead of an outright ban.

Survey

Please participate in our survey regarding police and fire legacy costs, as well as questions regarding streets and drainage in your neighborhood. To do so, click [here](#).

Java with Joe

Our weekly Java with Joe continues at your District 9 Field Office at 281 and Thousand Oaks. I hold open door office hours every Monday from 9:00-11:00.

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Joseph R Krier
Councilman, District 9

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and employment growth scenarios to be used for developing the region's long range transportation plan. Click [here](#) for additional information.



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We had a great turn out for our weekly **Java with Joe** last Monday; some of the topics we discussed were current and future bond projects, street safety/improvements and sidewalk safety concerns.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe Krier'.

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Click [HERE](#) to view the City Council AGENDA for Thurs., March 6

If you are interested in the report of the BLUE RIBBON LEGACY TASK FORCE chaired by Former Councilman Reed Williams, Click [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view the Police and Fire Unions' MINORITY REPORT



**Pedestrian SaImfety Improvements
along Braesview and Larkspur**

I want to thank San Antonio Police Chief William McManus, NEISD Superintendent Brian Gottardy, Colleen Waguespack of North Castle Hills HOA, Chuck Saxer of Summerfield HOA and NNOD, all the City Planners with Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) and most especially Ms Gina Dabmeaux whose 7 year old daughter Tatyana was the tragic victim of a hit and run on 15 January, for working with me to develop and announce our multi-layer safety improvements planned to begin early this spring and complete by the beginning of the fall school year. I believe these improvements will help make our school children and all of our residents in this area safer. For more information on these specific improvements click [Here](#). If you have a safety issue on a street in your neighborhood that you want to tell us about, please call or email Adam Trevino at (210) 207-0953 or adam.trevino@sanantonio.gov

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Street Car Update

As many of you know, I sent a letter to the City Attorney asking how we would authorize an election regarding whether or not to contribute City dollars to the proposed Via Street Car project. The main reason for my request was because of the reservations and concerns that you and I have had. We have not received an answer to date, but I will keep you posted on any new developments!



Home Owner Associations and Neighborhood Associations

Let me know about your next HOA/NA meeting or Community Event! You are the backbone of District 9 and I encourage you to share your neighborhood issues and events with me. Please call Gerina Barrera at (210) 207-7325 or send an email to district9@sanantonio.gov to get your event on our District 9 calendar today!

Monthly [Presidents Meeting](#) with Joe the 4th Tuesday of Every Month

Our last meeting on Monday, February 24th had great attendance. We discussed speeding problems on neighborhood streets, Vacation Rentals By Owner (VRBO), Street Conditions and City Bond Projects; I will follow-up on each of the issues raised at that meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 25th at 9am**; I urge all HOA/NA presidents to join me and share the views of your neighborhood!

Do you want to know the results of our last District 9 survey conducted on Feb 21st? If so, click [here](#)

Please Join Me

Saturday, March 15th 2014
at the McAllister Dog Park,
Wurzbach Parkway Entrance
The event opens at 9am but don't forget
register your pet for the
"Pooch Parade" by 11am.

There will be food, live music, arts and crafts,
dogs of all sizes and breeds...
and a sky full of kites!
Fun for the entire Family!

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I Hope to see you there!

Joe Krier
City Councilman, District 9

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