



## Property Tax Rate issue & Collective Bargaining update



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City Councilman  
District 9

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Email

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Dear Friends & Residents:

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your City Councilman for District 9. I look forward to working with you over the next two years to improve San Antonio.

I'm honored that I received more votes than any other Councilmember and equally honored that District 9 had more total votes in its Council race than were cast in any other District. For a district by district votes report click [here](#).

With less than a 12% eligible voter turnout, there is a runoff in the Mayoral race scheduled for June 13, 2015. Mayor Ivy Taylor faces former state Senator Leticia Van de Putte.

Early voting will take place June 1st through 9th. For voter information click [here](#).

To read a story by the Express-News regarding City Elections click [here](#).

As always, if there are items you would like to see in future newsletters, please let me know via email at [district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov). Working together, we can make District 9 and our City a better place for everyone.

Sincerely,



Joe Krier  
City Councilman  
District 9

## Collective Bargaining Update

With the May 9th Election behind us, I'd like to provide you an update regarding collective bargaining with the Police and Fire Unions.

I have carefully reviewed the data prepared by the Legacy Task Force, which made comprehensive recommendations on this issue. The Legacy Task Force included a representative from the San Antonio Police Officers' Association, a retired public safety officer and area business leaders. I've also reviewed the reports of the three outside financial firms that gave us advice on this and other budget issues. That research has caused me to conclude that if we fail to make changes in our current contracts, Public Safety will most likely consume 100% of the city's budget in two to three decades.

I am thankful the police union returned to the negotiating table on March 17, 2015. It is encouraging that the union's most recent proposal agrees with the City's position that our uniformed officers should make some contribution to the cost of their dependents' health care. To review a comparison of the current Collective Bargaining Proposals from a five year financial forecast click [here](#).

Since January 2014, the city and the police union have held 16 bargaining sessions and exchanged six proposals. Since February 2015, the city has made two proposals and the union has made one.

The City's March 20th proposal includes a wage increase of 10.8% over the next 3.5 years for each officer. It covers 100% of healthcare premiums for all officers and requires officers to pay a portion of their dependents healthcare premiums.

To read the Legacy Task Force report, click [here](#).

To see the latest from the City of San Antonio regarding collective bargaining click [here](#).

To read an article by the San Antonio Business Journal on this issue click [here](#).

To read the union endorsed minority report to the Legacy Task Force click [here](#).

The fire union has yet to come to the negotiating table for a new contract. I continue to urge a contract that provides outstanding pay and benefits to our first responders, protects our taxpayers AND ensures the City's finances are sustainable will be reached soon after the June 13th Run-off.

## Municipal Property Tax Rate Reduction

A number of District 9 residents have called to express their concerns with the notice they received of higher property assessments. The Bexar County Appraisal District mailed these notices for 2015 and in many cases, appraised values have gone up substantially.

I worked to pass a balanced basic services City budget last fall. It included no increase to the City's property tax rate for the 22nd year in a row. The City's tax rate is applied to the Bexar Appraisal District value and that determines your City property tax. Approximately, 25% of your total property tax goes to the City, the rest goes to your school district, the county and other governmental entities.

The concerns about appraised value, which results in the property tax assessed, come from legitimate concerns about the appraisal process. I encourage you to share concerns about your 2015 notice with Chief Appraiser Michael Amezcua at (210) 224-2432 or email [cs@bcad.org](mailto:cs@bcad.org). You can also protest your appraisal by filing the proper form with the Bexar Appraisal District. To get the protest form click [here](#). To search property addresses click [here](#). Click [here](#) to learn more about understanding property taxes.

In addition, as we develop a city budget for 2015-2016, I will be looking for a way to reduce the city tax rate. For a recent local news story by the Express-News on this topic click [here](#).

Mayor Ivy Taylor has asked City Manager Sheryl Sculley to present a FY2016 Proposed Budget that provides property tax relief through a municipal property tax rate reduction. I support her leadership in that regard. For more information on this action click [here](#).

## School Zone Safety

On April 30, 2015, I met with 25 area school principals in District 9 and North East I.S.D. Superintendent Dr. Brian Gottardy at our Field Office.

Terry Bellamy, Assistant Director of Transportation & Capital Improvements provided the latest information on School Zone information citywide. We reviewed pedestrian accidents from January 2013 to October 2014.

I remain committed to improving school zones throughout San Antonio. To view the PowerPoint presentation presented click [here](#).



School Zone Infrastructure meeting April 30, 2015 District 9 Field Office

## SATomorrow Online Survey

The City of San Antonio wants your opinion on transportation and other quality of life issues. To participate in the survey click [here](#). This survey is available until June 1, 2015.

To read more about SATomorrow go to [www.SATomorrow.com](http://www.SATomorrow.com).

## Transit Meetup

Join [VIA](#) Metropolitan Transit at Main Plaza near the Food Trucks on Thursday, May 21, 2015. Follow the conversation on Twitter #VIAMeetup.

VIA wants to create tomorrow's transportation choices with your help.

## Encino Branch Library Grand Opening



**San Antonio Public Library  
Board of Trustee  
Loyce Ince  
May 2, 2015**



**Chief Anthony Trevino  
Encino Branch Library  
Grand Opening  
May 2, 2015**



**Library Director, Ramiro Salazar  
May 2, 2015**



**Mayor Ivy Taylor  
May 2, 2015**

On May 2, 2015, we opened a new library in District 9. The Encino Branch Library, located at 2515 East Evans Road, has a drive-thru for busy

families.

This new library provides a place for community members to gather and it creates a new space for students to learn and access an array of services and programs.



**Encino Branch Library  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
May 2, 2015**

**In the Neighborhoods**  
(click on the photos for more)



**Duane Wilson, President  
& CEO North San Antonio  
Chamber May 5, 2015**



**Unnati Penta, Girl Scout Troop  
#183 was first customer to check  
out a book at the Encino Branch  
Library.  
She also led the Pledge of  
Allegiance for us.**

## Thank you Unnati!



**Mill Springs Cabin  
Bradley Middle School  
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**Mill Springs Cabin  
Bradley Middle School  
Inside the General Store  
Photo Courtesy: Mike Bailey**



**Reverend Chuck Woehler  
St. Thomas Epsicopal Church  
Guest Invocator  
May 14, 2015  
Photo courtesy: Fred Gonzales**



**Children reading  
Encino Branch Library  
Grand Opening**

## Open Government Seminar

The State Bar of Texas invites you to attend the Open Government Seminar on Friday, June 19, 2015.

Attendees will enjoy a panel discussion on enacted legislation regarding open government law and topics regarding privacy, security and the cloud. The event is free and open to the public.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Adopt-a-Pet

This handsome looking animal is McCall. He's a is a one-year-old male Chihuahua mix who has oodles of love and affection to share. McCall is playful, sweet and loves to be around people and other dogs. McCall weighs 7 pounds and is just the right size for your lap.

He is neutered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations. You can meet McCall at the Animal Defense League located at 11300 Nacogdoches Road, San Antonio, Texas 78217, or view his profile on ADL's website at [www.adltexas.org](http://www.adltexas.org).



**Meet McCall**

## **Animals at ACS**

Reid is a four-year-old well-behaved dog looking for a good home. He is potty and kennel trained. Reid enjoys playing in a big backyard just as much as he likes spending time on the couch next to his owner. He's been in foster care since April 20, 2015 and needs a home.

Click [here](#) to learn more about pets at Animal Care Services.



Meet Reid#A327377

Animal Care Services has a program aimed at helping local pet owners struggling to feed their companion animals in these tough economic times.

Now, the Animal Care Services' Pet Pantry is running low on supplies and the shelter is in desperate need of donations. Run solely on community donations, the ACS Pet Pantry is only open as supplies are available and the program is seeking any new or gently used pet related items including food, litter, towels and newspaper. Cat food and pet nursing supplies are especially needed right now including puppy and kitten formula, feeding bottles and heating pads.

Donations of pet food or other items can be made at anytime during regular business hours-Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shelter is located at 4710 State Highway 151 near the San Antonio Food Bank.

The Animal Care Services Pet Pantry currently has about 100 clients. In FY14, the ACS Pet Pantry distributed: 26,678 lbs. of dog food, 4,955 lbs. of cat food and 5000+ cans of dog and cat food.

# Pets on the Plaza

Four Paws in the  of the City!



Lunchtime just  
got "Pawsitively  
Purr-fect"....



Join Animal Care Services and the  
Main Plaza Conservancy to exercise  
and socialize pets from the  
City animal shelter!



**WED.** **MAY 20**  **11AM-2PM**



For more info, visit:  
[www.saacs.net](http://www.saacs.net)  
[www.mainplaza.org](http://www.mainplaza.org)



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## **JAVA WITH JOE**



**Open Office Time 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Residents Appointment Time 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**Every Wednesday!**

**District 9 Field Office**

**16500 San Pedro Avenue Suite 290  
(Highway 281 & Thousand Oaks)**

**Please call or email for a block of time!**

**(210) 207-0955**

**[district9@sanantonio.gov](mailto:district9@sanantonio.gov)**

**\*\*\*Please note Java with Joe is cancelled  
May 20, 2015 due to Council meetings. The sessions  
will resume May 27, 2015  
Thank you!**

### SA Volunteers

Are you planning an event in your neighborhood and need volunteers? Contact the City's Volunteer Program Coordinator, Melissa Escamilla at (210) 207-8178 or [melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov](mailto:melissa.escamilla@sanantonio.gov) to help you recruit volunteers.

### Spread the Message

It's easy for your friends to join our email list! Just have them text JOEKRIER to 22828 to get started. Click [here](#) to print a flyer to post at your office or neighborhood bulletin. Thank you!



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