

# WEEKLY FLYBY

WITH COUNCILMAN ROBERTO TREVIÑO



**January 19, 2017**

**Dear Neighbor,**

I hope your 2017 is off to a great start! We have so much work ahead of us this year, and I cannot wait to get to work.



As a reminder, Coffee with the Councilman takes place this Saturday, January 21st at the Kenwood Community Center. The meeting will last 10:00 AM until noon, and the theme is "2017 - The Year Ahead." The discussion will center on general topics of interest from your neighbors. There are several folks who have questions about what public safety will look like in 2017, so I have asked Chief McManus to stop by and speak with you. I look forward to seeing you there

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There is so much to accomplish in 2017, and your input will be vital to District 1's success this year. Please reach out to the constituent services office if you have any questions about City of San Antonio services, meetings, or policies. We are always glad to assist our constituents.

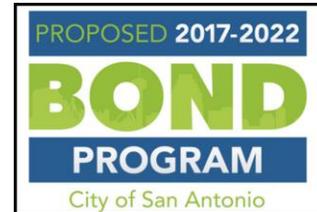
Sincerely,



Roberto C. Treviño  
City Councilman  
District 1

## **Your 2017 Bond**

I am pleased with the council's unanimous vote to approve the slate of projects for the 2017-2022 Bond. I am confident that we put forth a bond package that will improve the entire city for decades to come without increasing property taxes to do so.



For the first time in San Antonio's history, the new Neighborhood Improvements bond will help address the need for affordable housing to reduce generational blight through demonstration projects, strong community input, and engagement. With respect to public safety, the bond will protect our citizens with investments in a Center City police substation and support to the Family Violence Prevention Center.

Several crucial packages for gateway corridors, including St. Mary's Street, Fredericksburg Road, Broadway, South Alamo, and Commerce, were also included as part of the package. Bond dollars will go towards maintenance and pedestrian safety needs throughout some of the most highly trafficked corridors in the city.

I also worked closely with the City Attorney, Andy Segovia, to develop Section 2 of the 2017-2022 Bond ordinance. This language provides priority consideration for projects which were deemed bond-eligible but not included in the bond package. This language also promotes purposeful planning and consistency for everyone by ensuring that all of the projects identified by the citizens, the committees, and the City Council are addressed as funding becomes available through bond dollars or the annual budget.

In May, San Antonio will decide to approve the 2017-2022 Bond. I encourage everyone to become more familiar with the bond and the implementation process to measure its impact on their community.

Thank you to the City of San Antonio and the bond committees for your tireless outreach to the public. The community took full advantage of these input opportunities and their fingerprints are all over this bond - as it should be. The evolution of the bond truly encompassed all of the tenants of 'City by Design.

There's a lot to love in this Bond, and while we are keenly aware of how much need will still remain after the projects in this Bond are completed, this is an investment that will truly impact every citizen in San Antonio in a positive way. It's an investment we cannot do without.

[Click here to view the bond package.](#)

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[Click here to read more about the 2017 Bond Ordinance.](#)

## **In Opposition to Texas Senate Bill 6**

In an effort to negate the steps San Antonio has made to be a city of equality and inclusivity, Lieutenant Governor Patrick and Senator Lois Kolkhorst filed Senate Bill 6 - the 'Privacy Protection Act.'



SB 6 does not protect privacy - it is simply another attempt to regulate the private lives of LGBTQ citizens through fear-mongering. Claims that SB 6 would increase public safety are baseless as there has not been an incident in Texas of a citizen abusing the non-discrimination ordinance to harass others in public restrooms.

Simple common decency dictates we respect others and treat them equally, not seek to punish them for who they are. I stand with the LGBTQ community against all discrimination - whether it is from the community, the private sector, or even elected officials.

I stand with elected officials and all people in Texas who want to safeguard our economic interests from the fallout the passage of SB 6 would bring.

Common sense would dictate that we learn from the mistakes made in North Carolina. San Antonio cannot afford to lose current and prospective employers and marquee events like the 2018 NCAA Final Four tournament. The negative economic impact SB 6 would bring about in San Antonio and throughout Texas is far too great.

As your San Antonio District 1 city councilman, I will continue to speak out against this dangerous bill and those who seek to spread discrimination across Texas. I am confident that San Antonio's residents, elected officials and business leaders will continue to oppose SB 6 wholeheartedly because it is the right thing to do - morally and economically.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## **Brackenridge Park Master Plan Update**

I was approached by the community when the initial draft of the Brackenridge Park Master Plan was released because folks felt that the proposed changes to Brackenridge Park did not reflect the way the San Antonians have enjoyed the park over the years.



After previous meetings failed to reach patrons who use the park, I asked the City's Parks and Recreation Department to find creative ways to get more public input.

In response, Brackenridge Park patrons were surveyed at the park on weekends about what they liked and did not like about the master plan. There were also a number of interactive activities for patrons, including a fossil dig for children, which helped gauge the level of support for the draft master plan. The Brackenridge Conservancy even provided tours of the park. To date, the City has reached 363 park patrons through traditional public meetings and 861 patrons through creative events.

After significant feedback the following was determined:

- A grand lawn should not be constructed at the expense of parking;
- Roads should not be closed because they are vital to accessing the entire park;
- And, the 'people-mover' is no longer being considered.

I am proud of the effort put forth by the Parks and Recreation Department, the Brackenridge Park Conservancy, all of the partners, and of course the public.

Please continue to provide your input throughout the master planning process.

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## **The Charter Review Commission Begins Their Work**



The Charter Review Commission has convened in preparation for the November 7th election. The purpose of the commission is to, "study and make recommendations to revise provisions that were in conflict with then current state law, or which did not reflect current practices, or which were outdated and obsolete."

The commission met for the first time on December 13, 2016 where the committee members discussed three Council Consideration Requests (CCR) filed by council members:

- Ethics Code Amendments - Filed by Councilman Roberto Treviño (view CCR)
- Reformation of the Planning Commission - Filed by Councilman Roberto Treviño (view CCR)
- Changing the City's Nonpartisan Municipal Elections to Nonpartisan General Elections Held in November- Filed by Councilman Nirenberg (view CCR)

The Ethics CCR listed above will help ensure fairness, transparency, and independence for our ethics system by changing the appointment process for Ethics Review Board (ERB) members from council appointments to appointments made by independent non-profit organizations. My goal is to safeguard our ethics system and provide more independence to the ERB so that the board is not beholden to any elected officials.

In my view, appointees to the Planning Commission play a critical role in the life of our City. In the next year, the Planning Commission will be making important decisions regarding implementation of the SA Tomorrow Plan. That makes it all the more imperative that they represent a wealth of personal and professional

perspectives, as well as geographic, ethnic and gender diversity. I am positive reforming the Planning Commission will protect neighborhoods and provide more equitable representation of resources and infrastructure.

The Commission will bring its final recommendations to the full Council in late July or early August. If Council decides to have a November election, "specific ballot language for a November 7, 2017 election will be developed, for approval by the Council."

[Read more about the Charter Review Commission here.](#)

## **Alameda Reopens for First Time in 30 Years**

Volver a la Alameda was a huge success this past weekend as the community descended upon the Houston Street to catch a show at the theater for the first time in thirty years.



In conjunction with several partners, three free movies were shown to give folks an opportunity to rediscover the Alameda's old charm and share the its history with newer generations of film buffs. Ages ranged from under 1 to 101 years of age and the theater was flooded with old memories of the Alameda.

There is so much history behind these doors and so much life left in this building. It would be a crime to deprive the public of such a significant cultural experience. It would be a disservice to those who performed here and worked tirelessly to propel the Alameda Theater into becoming the largest movie theater dedicated to Mexican film in the United States.

I have received so many comments in support of revitalizing the Alameda - from movie-goers to those catching a passing glimpse. I cannot stress enough how important it is to preserve historic and culturally significant spaces like the Alameda. They help bring the community together and tell the rich story of our city.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**

Coffee with the Councilman - Kenwood Community Center. - 10 a.m.

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

Shearer Hills/Ridgeview Neighborhood Association Meeting - 600 Oblate Dr - 6:30 p.m.



**Contact the District 1 office if there are any events you would like included on the calendar.**

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