

THE EASTSIDE VISION

THE PREMIER PUBLICATION FOR DISTRICT 2 RESIDENTS

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Dear Neighbor,

Growing up in San Antonio I was inspired by the leaders who worked hard to make our community a better place. As your City Councilman for the past 14 months I have aspired to follow in the footsteps of those who have come before me. It has been an exciting time in which I have learned a tremendous amount thanks to the leadership and counsel of some of the most passionate community activists and leaders in San Antonio. To their credit and with the input of the community, we have reaffirmed the City's commitment to keeping the nation's largest and most successful Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., March on the Eastside of San Antonio. I am also proud to mention that we worked diligently to secure \$50,000 for improvements along the March route and will be active between now and the 30th Anniversary of the March to make certain that the City makes this event and the revitalization of our District their top priority.



In Service,

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Alan E. Warrick, II



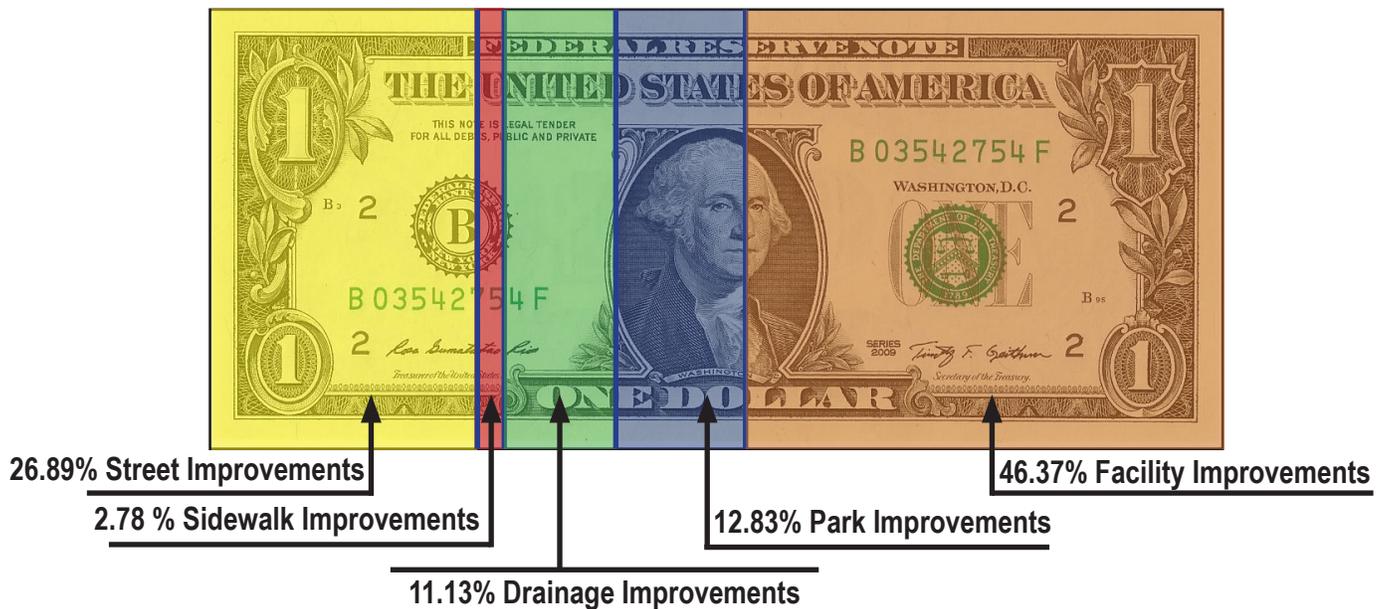
Investing in District 2

Small Changes Make Big Differences

We have been working diligently with neighborhood associations and residents to identify and fund public safety infrastructure and beautification projects that are needed in the district. Throughout the budget process we took the lead on several initiatives important to our District. Whether your

individual priorities relate to senior services, streets and infrastructure, public safety, or libraries the budget affects you. The budget includes \$17.4 million more for street maintenance, \$1.8 million more for sidewalks, and \$7.2 million in new drainage improvements district-wide.

Your Dollar at Work



Thank you for providing your input on the 2016 City Budget. I and City Officials listen to thousands of your concerns and suggestions to improve our community. We prioritize issues to what matters most to you and what you would like to change. Listed below are your tax dollars at work in District 2:

The 2016 District 2 Budget Highlights

\$17.4 Million for Street Improvement Projects

- Cherry Street (Dawson Street to Milam Street)
- East Commerce (N. Rio Grande to E. Houston)
- Harry Wurzbach (Austin Highway improvements)
- Peggy Drive Extension
- Austin Street Sub-Freeway Public Parking
- Community Street Lighting
- 115 additional street repair projects in District 2 as part of the Infrastructure Management Program (\$7.6 Million)

\$1.8 Million for Sidewalk Improvements Projects

- Gemblor Road: Creekview to N WW White Road
- Indiana St: Hackberry St. S to S Cherry St.
- Kay Ann: WW White S to Susanwood Drive
- Mesquite S: Iowa St to Denver Blvd
- Nolan: St. Johns to New Bruanfels N
- Palmetto S: Martin Luther King Dr to Nevada
- Hays: Walters to Grimes
- And many more

\$7.2 Million for Drainage Improvements Projects

- Menger Creek Drainage and Linear Park
- Sapphire & Flora Mae (Billy to Alfred Dr)
- Tallulah & Judivan Alley Drainage

\$8.3 Million for New Park and Creekway Improvement Projects

- Martin Luther King Park
- Ft. Sam Houston Trail (John James Park to Jack White Park)
- Lakeside Park Walking Trail
- Copernicus Park: Restrooms

- Denver Heights Community Center: Paint, Floors, and Other General Repairs
- Lou Kardon Park: Playground Replacement
- Pittman Sullivan Park: Improve drainage in baseball fields



Menger Creek Revitalization -render



Lou Kardon Park Playground Upgrade

\$30 Million for Facility Improvement Projects

- Alamodome Renovations
- New Schaefer Library (Opening Winter 2016)
Eastside Education & Workforce Development Center

- Construction of 2 new Fire Stations
- Good Samaritan Veteran Outreach and Transition Center



Located at 1600 block of Dakota Street, the Good Samaritan Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center (GSVOTC) will provide free services to Veteran's and their families regardless of their affiliation with St. Philip's College.



Construction of 2 new fire stations to serve the Dellcrest and United Homeowners neighborhoods.

Additional FY 2016 Budget Initiatives

- Gun Shot Detection Pilot Program: \$280,000 (One location provides coverage in the Eastside Promise Zone area and the other location provides coverage in the Westside Hope area)
- Office of Eastpoint: \$590,000 to coordinate and implement the Choice Neighborhood Initiative
- Childcare for Eastpoint residents participating in job training: \$80,000

- Afterschool Program for EastPoint residents: \$20,000
- Wheatley Heights Sports Complex Operating Support: \$150,000
- MLK March Route Infrastructure Improvements: \$50,000
- REnewSA - \$2 million for neighborhood revitalization efforts in Wheatley Heights area

Safer Neighborhoods

Improving Infrastructure in our District

During my first few months in office, I have been working diligently with neighborhood associations and residents to identify and fund public safety infrastructure and beautification projects throughout the district. These include speed calming mechanisms such as speed humps, stop signs and median improvements. Streets receiving speed humps in the very near future include Mystic Sunrise, Spriggsdale and Porter. Martin Luther King Plaza just received an extreme makeover with the addition of landscaping including native trees and blooming shrubs.

We have recently installed an all-way stop at the intersection of Pine and Lamar at the request of a number of residents and institutions. Barbara Garcia, an advocate for the installation of the all-way stop and a member of the Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Association, was ecstatic to see the stop signs go up. “We have been asking for stop signs for at least 5 years and it was the Office of Councilman Warrick that was the catalyst for getting it done. I think it will be a safety improvement for children walking to school and seniors crossing the street going to the Ella Austin Community Center,” said Garcia. If you know of a pothole or road that needs repair please contact our District 2 Office at (210) 207-0950.



Barbara Garcia, resident of Dignowity Hill, and TCI with the newly-erected Traffic Stop Sign at the intersection of Lamar and N. Pine Street

A Proposal to Curb Domestic Abuse

Giving families peace of mind

I filed a five-signature Council Consideration Request (CCR) that sought to waive the alarm permit fee for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. I am happy to report that this past June, the proposal was adopted unanimously by the City Council. In an effort to expand on this effort, I am encouraging the City Council to also reduce the alarm permit fee for senior citizens as part of this year's budget.

This ordinance is a sensible step that will give peace of mind and improve personal protection to San Antonio families. The goal is simple: we need to remove any barriers that make it harder for a victim of a crime to have a home security system installed. Law enforcement, City Council, and I will continue our efforts to help San Antonio's most vulnerable families in need. For more information about alarm permits contact SAPD Alarms Investigations Office at (210) 207-8282.



Patricia Castillo, Executive Director of The P.E.A.C.E. Initiative and Councilman Alan E. Warrick, II at the CCR press conference.



Councilman Alan E. Warrick, II and San Antonio's Finest discuss how the waive alarm permit fee will benefit families in need.

An Effort to Reduce Gun Violence

New Technology Proven Successful

I am proud to reveal a shot detection technology pilot program. This is a revolutionary technology that is able to detect discharged firearms in our neighborhoods. Essentially, the implementation of the gunshot detection system will deter and reduce the illegal use or misuse of guns, thus, drastically reducing murder and crime in our community.

How Shot Detection Works



Seconds after a shot is fired



Shot Detection Technology quickly identifies the firearm and pinpoints the location the incident occurred



Law Enforcement is dispatched to the scene

Funding for two pilot areas are included in the FY 2016 budget. One located on the Eastside and the other on the Westside. San Antonio would be the first city in Texas to implement this technology.

A gunshot detection system (GDS) uses electronic detection technology to locate the origin of a discharged firearm then send an alert to local law enforcement dispatchers and sometimes straight to the laptop of a patrolling vehicle. GDS are often installed in high-crime areas, such system can utilize an array of cutting edge technology like acoustic, optical, and thermal sensors to quickly triangulate the source of gunfire. Imagine GDS as a digital San Antonian calling 9-1-1.

Our community deserves safe streets and safe neighborhoods. This technology is a valuable investment that will enhance the quality of life in our community.

Dignowity Hill Farmer's Market

Opportunities for Fresh Produce



Councilman Alan E. Warrick, II and Michelle Herrera enjoying the Dignowity Hill's Farmers Market.

Thanks to Michelle Herrera founder of Dignowity Hill's Farmers Market, the District 2 community now has access to affordable fresh food options.

The Dignowity Hill Farmer's Market is open for business every second and fourth Sunday of each month at **Lockwood Park on 801 Nolan**. Dozens of local farmers and crafters come out to showcase their fresh produce and homemade goods.

Visit the Dignowity Hill Farmer's Market to taste freshly made jam, learn a recipe for spicy hummus, or pick up some flavorful fruits and hearty vegetables. Residents who buy locally in District 2 help stimulate our economic growth and promote small businesses in our community.

DISTRICT 2

FARMER'S MARKET CALENDAR

Dignowity Hill Farmer's Market
Every Second and Fourth Sunday
801 Nolan, San Antonio, TX 78202

Ella Austin Community Center Farmer's Market
Every First Thursday 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
1023 N. Pine St. San Antonio, TX 78202

Sam Houston High School Farmer's Market
Every Third Saturday 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
4635 E. Houston St. San Antonio, TX 78220

Down Payment Assistance now available District wide

Have you dreamed of a being a homeowner, a place for your family to grow, a backyard to host family and friends, or to have your pet roam freely? Assistance from the Department of Planning & Community Development's Homeownership Incentive Program (HIP) can make the American Dream a reality. The HIP fund provides financial assistance to qualified families to aid with the required down payment and closing costs for a home.

Previously, the HIP funds were only available for target areas in San Antonio including Camelot 1, Village Park, East Village and Wheatley Neighborhoods. However, I encouraged city staff to make this valuable resource available to the entire district.



San Antonio Homeownership Incentive Program is a program that provides assistance to cover the required down payment, closing costs and prepaid interest.



Income Limits	
Household Size	Income Limits
1	\$34,850
2	\$39,800
3	\$44,800
4	\$49,750
5	\$53,750
6	\$57,750
7	\$61,700

If you are thinking about purchasing a house in District 2 and you meet the income requirements, please contact (210) 207-6459 or visit www.renewsa.com

6 Steps to Homeownership

1. Determine Program Eligibility

When your loan application is approved, the lender will submit the required information to DPCD. Your lender will determine if you are eligible for assistance under the HIP program or you can call DPCD

2. Attend Homebuyers' CLUB Classes

Attend Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) Homebuyers' CLUB classes to obtain better understanding of the purchasing process, requirements, credit, home maintenance, etc.

3. Shop for a Loan

Shop for your loan and choose a mortgage company or bank to finance the purchase.

4. Locate a Home

Locate the home you want to purchase. A realtor may be able to help you, but the program does not require that a realtor represent you.

5. Enter Contract with Seller

You must enter into an Earnest Money Contract with the seller and deposit a minimum of \$500 with the title company as evidence of your intent to purchase home.

6. Approval

Once your lender submits a complete file to keep, a DPCD representative will process the file for Homeownership Incentive Program (HIP) approval.

In Our Backyard

Affordable homes in District 2



Devon Verdon and Suzie Hogan with Councilman Warrick turn first shovel of dirt on site of their new home

Councilman Warrick and Rising Barn welcomed the first unit homeowners to the historic Dignowity Hill neighborhood. Rising Barn is a San Antonio-based micro builder hoping to transform urban infill development throughout the City. Many residents and supporters from around the district joined on the eastside to celebrate this great milestone.

Soon-to-be homeowners can choose from Rising Barn's catalogue of floorplans which ranges from 200 to 800 square feet. For turnkey Rising Barn homes, units can cost from \$120 to \$200 per square

foot which includes material and labor. Rising Barn has several options where the buyer can choose how to construct their new home. Homeowners can build their unit themselves, work with Rising Barn team leaders, use the turn key service, or Rising Barn can find a local crew to assist.

With partners like Rising Barn, families and individuals will have access to affordable and sustainable housing solutions that will help transform our community for many years to come. For more information on how to build your own home kit call Rising Barn at (512) 596-0006.



Rising Barn's micro-unit home in Dignowity Hill. Rendering courtesy of Rising Barn

Explore Today, Discover Tomorrow

New District 2 Library



A rendering of the Schaefer Branch Library in District 2 located at 6322 US Highway 87.

Along with community leaders, City administrators, and San Antonio Public Library officials broke ground on a new library in District 2 located at 6322 US Highway 87.

The 11,600 square foot library will be named after the Sam Schaefer family, who generously donated 5.73 acres of land to the city. The Schaefer Branch Library will have both print and electronic books, a computer lab, Wi-Fi access, laptop check-out services and programs for children, teens and adults.

The City of San Antonio Transportation & Capital Improvements department will manage the project on behalf of the San Antonio Public Library. The project is being funded with \$6 million from the 2012-2017 bond program. Call (210) 207-2500 to find a library near you.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

24 Hour City Hotline	311
Emergency	911
SAPD East Substation	(210) 207-7781
SAPD Non-Emergency	(210) 207-7273
Fire Non-Emergency	(210) 207-7744
Animal Care Services	(210) 207-4738
Birth and Death Records	(210) 207-4214
Graffiti	(210) 207-7881
Health Department	(210) 207-8780
Bexar County Elections Department	(210) 335-8683
Ask a Librarian	(210) 207-2500
East Side Boys and Girls Club	(210) 227-2642
SAWS	(210) 704-7297
Claude Black Community Center	(210) 207-5233
Department of Human Services	(210) 207-8198
District 2 Senior Center	(210) 207-5390
Bexar County Tax Assessor	(210) 335-6628
Davis-Scott YMCA	(210) 532-0932
Antioch Sports Complex	(210) 270-0944

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