Dear Neighbors,

This week, the City Council continued to hear FY2020 budget proposals from various city departments. The proposed $2.9 billion budget provides funding for important city services in District 6 and throughout the city. Key proposals presented this week came from SAPD, SAFD, Municipal Courts, Sustainability, and Economic Development.

The issue of equity has been a consistent theme throughout the budgeting process and is a key component of each budget proposal. What is equity? Simply put, equity means that policy-making, service delivery, and distribution of resources takes into account the different histories, challenges, and needs of the people we represent and serve through city government.

Proposed enhancements to the SAPD budget include $1.3 million to support 6 additional sergeants on the Crisis Response Team (CRT) who focus on family violence, special victims unit, and homicide. It also includes funding for an additional 10 SAFFE officers to support neighborhoods with greater incidence of domestic violence.

Budget enhancements for San Antonio Fire department include $103,814 to conduct required training for existing fire personnel and $1.5 million for needed equipment and vehicles. New vehicles include fire engines, hazardous
materials response (hazmat), and a mobile command bus.

We will continue to hear from city departments about budget proposals next week. City staff will adjust the proposed budget based on feedback from Council as well as from input collected from the community through a series of SASpeakUp Town Halls. The schedule for the SA SpeakUp Town Halls are as follows:

**SA SpeakUp Town Hall Schedule**

**Saturday, August 24**
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
The Rustic at the Rim  
17619 La Cantera Pkwy Ste 204

**Thursday, August 29**
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Telephone Town Hall Meeting  
Register at SASpeakUp.com

I continue to listen and work with you about issues that are most important to you. I value your input and invite you to review the proposed budget at: sanantonio.gov/budget.

You can pick up a printed copy of the budget from the District 6 Field Office located at 8373 Culebra Road, Suite 202.

If you have any questions about the proposed FY2020 budget, feel free to reach out to the District 6 Staff by calling 210-207-3749 or emailing us at district6@sanantonio.gov.

Yours in service,

Melissa Cabello Havrda  
Councilwoman, District 6
The City of San Antonio continues to host its SASpeakUp Community Days. The next event is tomorrow, Saturday August 24th, at The Rustic. The event includes a discussion about the budget, in English and Spanish, with City Manager Erik Walsh and Deputy City Manager Maria Villagómez, one-on-one interactions with City departments, free entertainment, and fun giveaways!

Employees from Tower Jazz, a technology and manufacturing company in D6, volunteered to assemble backpacks and supplies for kids in Northside and Edgewood ISDs.
Thank you, Tower Jazz!

Public Meeting
Enrique Barrera Parkway
Proposed Climate Action Plan

The SA Climate Ready Plan was presented to council and San Antonio residents this week. Please take a moment to read it. I look forward to hearing from my District 6 neighbors about this plan.

Look for a survey in next week's newsletter to share your thoughts!
Looking for An Opportunity to Serve Your Community?

The District 6 Office is currently seeking applicants to fill Boards and
Commissions vacancies. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Committee
Small Business Advocacy Committee
Transportation Advisory Board
City Commission on Veterans Affairs
Citizens’ Environmental Advisory Committee
San Antonio Housing Trust
City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board (College students only)

Click here to apply today!

Free Fun at San Antonio Libraries
August 30- September 1

Guerra Chess Club
Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)
Friday, August 23
3 – 5 pm
Kids, Teens, Adults, Family, Seniors, All Ages
Chess is a great game for all ages. Join our group each Friday to learn about the game and to meet other chess players.

Harry Potter Movie Marathon
Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)
Saturday, August 24
11 am – 5 pm
Saturday 8/24-Sorcerer’s stone and Chamber of Secrets
Sunday 8/25-Prisoner of Azkaban and Goblet of Fire
Saturday 9/7-Order of the Phoenix and Half Blood Prince
Sunday 9/8 Deathly Hallows 1 & 2
I Heart Vinyl
Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)
Sunday, August 25
All Day
This day-long event showcases Potranco Branch Library's stellar collection of classic and contemporary vinyl.

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American Sign Language Meet up
Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)
Sunday, August 25
2 – 4 pm
Meet others in our community who are interested in American Sign Language,
Deaf Culture, and other related educational and community resources

Read to a dog
Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)
Friday, August 30
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Children are invited to the Potranco library to read to a certified therapy dog. This program helps children build the confidence needed to read out loud.
*Kids must be able to read

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Quilting Bee
Guerra Branch Library (7978 Military Dr. W., 78227)
Saturday, August 31
10 am – 2 pm

I Heart Vinyl
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Sunday, September 1
All Day
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Sunday Funday (Teens Only)
Potranco Branch Library (8765 State Hwy. 151, #102, 78245)
Sunday, September 1
1 – 2:30 pm
Enjoy a good time on a Sunday Afternoon. Our Fun Day will be full of video games, virtual reality, trivia, board games, snacks and more!!!!

VIA and ATD Public Hearing on Proposed FY2020 Budget

VIA Metropolitan Transit and the Advanced Transportation District will be hosting a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed operating budgets for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020). VIA staff will present the proposed operating budgets and receive comments on:

Thursday, September 5, 2019
5:30 p.m. Doors Open | 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing
VIA Metro Center (Board Room)
1021 San Pedro
San Antonio, Texas, 78212

Copies of the draft budget documents will be available upon request until September 13, 2019, at VIA’s Corporate Communications Office located at 123 N. Medina, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday and all VIA’s Transit Centers, see link for locations: https://www.viainfo.net/transit-centers/. Copies of the draft budgets are also available on VIA’s website, www.viainfo.net, and comments may be submitted online as well.
VIA Metropolitan Transit and the Advanced Transportation District

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGETS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

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ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

The VIA Metro Center is wheelchair accessible. Persons with hearing impairments may request an interpreter 48 hours prior to the meeting by calling TDD (210) 362-2075 or call VIA Government & Community Relations at (210) 362-2389.

Para información en español, llame al (210) 362-2075.

Haga su solicitud por teléfono (210) 362-2075 o llame la línea de atención al público (210) 362-2389.

VIA
Hotter temperatures have prompted a statewide heat advisory, and in San Antonio, temperatures are expected to hover at or above 100 degrees for the next week.

Despite this, CPS Energy customers can stay comfortable while also saving energy and money. As the highest energy demand typically happens between 3 and 7 p.m., CPS Energy is urging customers to take action to reduce their energy consumption.

Here are some tips to help customers keep their bills manageable:

- Set thermostats 2 to 3 degrees higher from 3-7 p.m.; set programmable thermostats to higher temperatures when no one is home. The optimum energy saving temperature is 78 degrees.
- Use fans to feel 4 to 6 degrees cooler.
- Set pool pumps to run early morning or overnight; shut off from 4-6 p.m.
- Turn off and unplug non-essential lights and appliances.
- Avoid using large appliances (i.e. ovens, washing machines, etc.), especially during peak demand hours.

Customers can also follow the tips below to make sure they stay safe during this heat wave:

- Hydrate. Drink plenty of water even if you don’t feel thirsty.
- Stay in air-conditioned areas, if possible. The City of San Antonio has multiple cooling centers open throughout the area that can be used.
- If you must be outside, take breaks often in shaded areas.
- Wear a hat, as well as lightweight and loose-fitting clothing when possible.

The utility’s goal is to make sure customers stay safe and keep energy
You are invited to attend the 10th Annual Citizen Preparedness Workshop on September 14, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the San Antonio Office of Emergency Management (SAOEM). The purpose of this event is to equip citizens with the confidence, skills, and tools you need to recover after an emergency.

Representatives from City Departments and other support organizations will be available to discuss topics such as debris disposal, animal care during an emergency, power outages, and severe weather.

A light breakfast will be served. For additional information about the workshop, contact Ashley Carter at ashley.carter@sanantonio.gov.

Registration: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-citizen-preparedness-workshop-registration-65271914052

**This meeting site is wheelchair accessible. The accessible entrance and accessible visitor parking spaces are located on 8039 Challenger Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78235. Auxiliary Aids and Services are available upon request.**
ASL interpreters will be provided at the event. For assistance, call 210-206-8551.

Historic Homeowner Fair

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 9AM - 2PM | PEARL STABLE
307 PEARL PKWY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78215

Join the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), preservation professionals, and your neighbors at the 11th annual Historic Homeowner Fair!

The Historic Homeowner Fair is a free event hosted by OHP that brings together owners of aging and historic homes with local professionals, services, and solutions and educates homeowners about caring for and maintaining their properties.

What to Expect
More than 1,500 attendees
Residents from all historic districts
Exhibit hall with 60 booths
Workshops & Ask-an-Expert sessions
Free and open to everyone!

New to 2019:
Rehabber Club DIY Panel
• Learn the tricks of the trade
• Become a member of the Rehabber Club
• Includes free lunch!*Advanced registration required

Visit www.SApreservation.com for more information!

VIA Visiting Your Neighborhood

VIA Metropolitan Transit is in the process of reaching out to Neighborhood and Homeowners Associations requesting to speak and provide general information regarding their services.

Interested in having them join your meeting?

Contact VIA at gcr@viainfo.net or call (210) 362-2389.
Contact District 6

City of San Antonio, Council District 6

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