

# SUNRISE NEIGHBORHOOD GOALS AND STRATEGIES REPORT

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**Prepared by the residents and stakeholders of the  
Sunrise Neighborhood in partnership with the  
City of San Antonio Department of Planning and Community Development**

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## **Introduction: What is a Goals and Strategies Report**

A Goals and Strategies Report is a neighborhood strategy document developed by residents who participate in a public planning process. Several workshops are held during which, issues are discussed, goals and priorities are developed, and strategies are established. A completed report may address future strategies for improving and/or maintaining housing stock, community facilities, and transportation networks in the neighborhood. In addition, the Report helps organize the community's ideas into one document that can be shared with residents and community partners.

Once completed, the report is distributed to the applicable City departments as well as to the City Council person and the Mayor. Goals and Strategies Reports serve as a guide; however, they **do not include a specific financial commitment by the City**. A Goals and Strategies Report is a helpful introduction to the planning process and provides a strong preliminary foundation for any future planning efforts that may be undertaken.

## **The Planning Process**

The planning process was a dual effort to re-establish the Sunrise Neighborhood Association and produce the Goals and Strategies Report. To address any challenges and protect the character of the neighborhood, the Sunrise Neighborhood Association and City of San Antonio staff joined in a collaborative strategic planning process that established shared goals for the neighborhood. The goals and strategies for neighborhood improvement presented in this document serve to coordinate future planning decisions and guide physical changes in the neighborhood.

The planning process to develop Goals & Strategies Report included six community meetings. Various City staff representing Animal Care Services, Solid Waste, Fire, Police, and Code Compliance attended two of these meetings to respond to resident questions. The planning process, designed to facilitate community consensus around a vision for the future of the neighborhood, was structured according to the following six phases outlined on the next two pages.

## **PHASE 1 May 3, 2010**

### **Neighborhood Association Registration and Goals & Strategies Report Concepts**

At the first public meeting, participants were informed of the neighborhood association registration process and given an introduction to the purpose of the Goals and Strategies Report.

## **PHASE 2 June 28, 2010**

### **Reorganization of the Neighborhood Association**

The community submitted all required documentation to register and become recognized as a Neighborhood Association by the City of San Antonio.

## **PHASE 3 July 19, 2010**

### **Establishment of the Planning Team**

A core planning team from the neighborhood association was established to help develop the report. Additionally, community members volunteered to survey different parts of the neighborhood and verify the current land uses within the neighborhood (see existing land use map, pg. 19).

## **PHASE 4 September 18, 2010**

### **Identification of Community Issues**

Residents and City staff identified strengths and challenges in the Sunrise area. All participants helped create a list of neighborhood needs and priorities which was used to guide future community discussions.



## **PHASE 5 September 30**

### **Development of Goals and Strategies**

At a public meeting, residents and City staff representatives assessed a full range of issues for the area. The results provided the basis for extensive discussion to clearly define the top priority goals for Sunrise. Residents reviewed and refined the initial priorities and established the strategies. Input from this meeting created the final Sunrise Goals and Strategies Report. The aim for a solution oriented process involving different City departments' commitment was incorporated.

## **PHASE 6 December 10**

### **Review of Goals and Strategies Report**

The final draft was presented at a Sunrise Neighborhood Association meeting for review by the neighborhood.

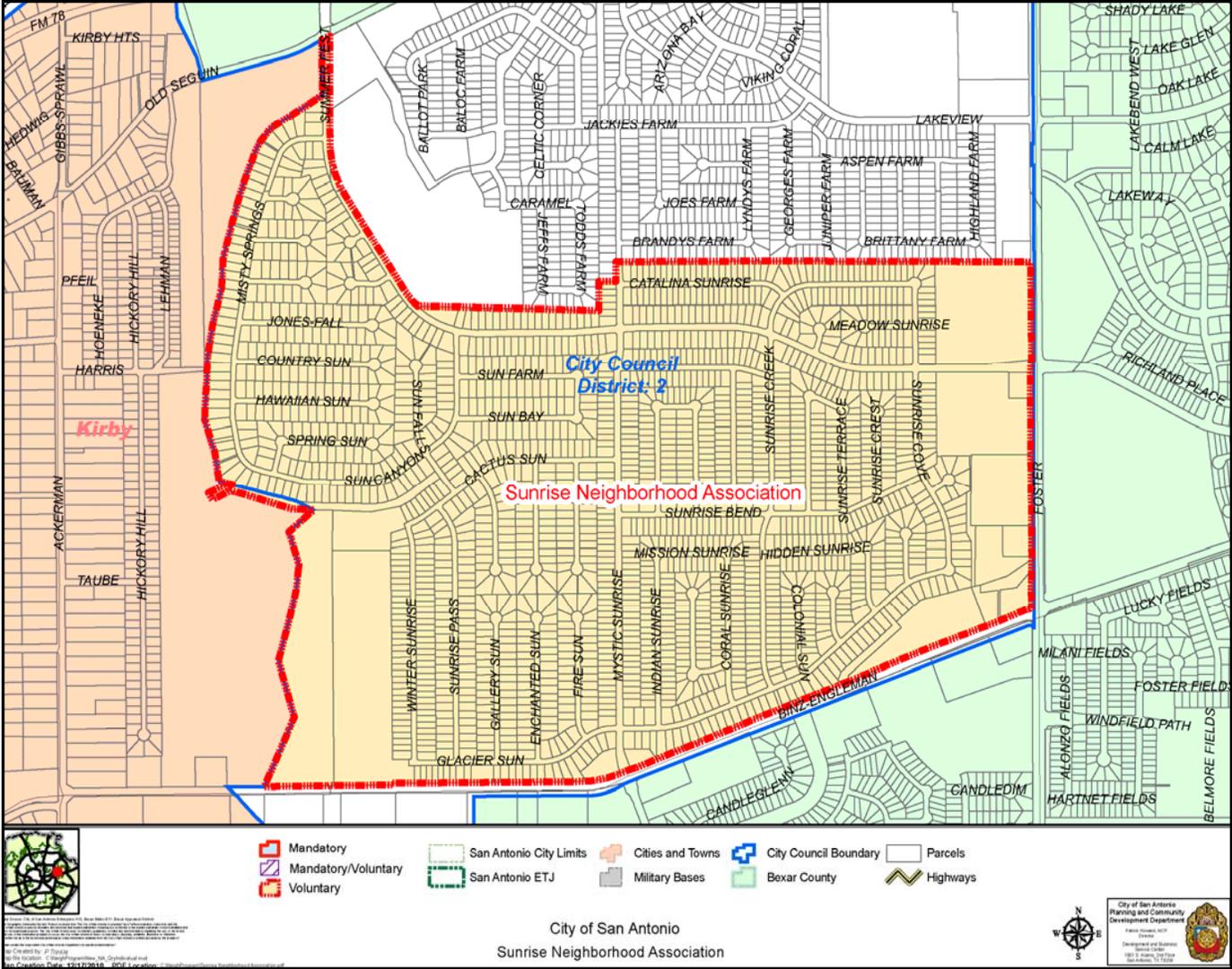
## **PHASE 7 January 3**

### **Plan Process and Completion**

The document was finalized and approved for publication by the City of San Antonio Planning and Community Development Director on January 3, 2011.



# PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY



### MAPS DISCLAIMER:

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## **Top Priority Goals**

Throughout the planning process, community members discussed their shared vision for the Sunrise Neighborhood. The list below is a snapshot of the goals of the neighborhood that were formulated by planning team members in partnership with the City of San Antonio Planning and Community Development Department. These goals were used as the foundation for the strategies to improve the neighborhood, also included in this report.

### **Infrastructure**

Improve and maintain existing infrastructure network, including streets, sidewalks, lighting, and drainage systems and roadways, within the neighborhood to produce a safe and attractive environment.

### **Code Compliance and Public Safety**

Reduce code compliance violations in the neighborhood area, and improve the overall public safety and perception of the neighborhood.

### **Neighborhood Capacity & Participation**

Build partnerships within the neighborhood area in order to maintain a more effective, meaningful, and greater sense of community.

### **Community Facilities**

Advocate for expansion and addition of civic facilities (parks, libraries, and swimming pools) to better meet the needs of all residents. Utilize current facilities to foster neighborhood unity.

## **Neighborhood Issues Assessment**

These issues have been prioritized by Planning Team members based upon need and timeframe within which accomplishment is viable.

The following priorities are defined as:

**Short = what can be accomplished in 0-6 months**

**Mid = what can be accomplished in 6-18 months**

**Long = what can be accomplished in 18 months or longer**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**



#### **Short**

- ♦ Pothole repair on Misty Springs and Summerfest.
- ♦ Speeding throughout neighborhood-existing speed bumps need to be higher. Need better traffic calming tools.

#### **Mid**

- ♦ Improve lighting along Foster Road and Summerfest entrance.

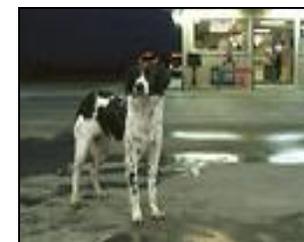
#### **Long**

- ♦ Improve sidewalks along Foster Road and Summerfest entrance.
- ♦ Street improvements needed (especially intersections) along Binz-Englemann & Foster Road.
- ♦ Need for street lights on Sunrise Creeks & Hawaiian Sun.
- ♦ Need for sidewalks along Summerfest from FM 78 and from Foster to Mystic Sunrise entrances.
- ♦ No adequate drainage in neighborhood causing public health hazard (existing ones are not maintained- behind 5722 Sun Canyon).

## CODE COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### Short

- ◆ Trash pick up-sits on the street too long.  
 Areas of Concern:
  - \* Sunrise Crest and Sunrise Glare
- ◆ Sidewalks are blocked by parked cars.
- ◆ Need for increased police presence in neighborhood.
- ◆ Abandoned structures and high residential lot vacancy facilitates crime in the area.
- ◆ Solid Waste Management's response for dead animals is too long.
- ◆ Too many stray animals are a threat to public safety and health.  
 Areas of Concern:
  - \* Woodlake and Silver Canyon area, Sunrise Glare, and Sunrise Crest
- ◆ Graffiti on street signs and mailboxes.
- ◆ Need for improved yard and home maintenance in some areas of the neighborhood.
- ◆ Loud music in entire neighborhood.



### Mid

- ◆ Drug dealing and prostitution  
 Areas of Concern:
  - \* Binz Englemann and Indian Sunrise

### Long

- ◆ Consider SAPD sub station or EMS storefront in the area

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Long

- ◆ Lack of community facilities
  - \* YMCA
  - \* sports facility
  - \* stand alone library
  - \* swimming pool
  - \* tennis court
  - \* basketball court
  - \* community center
  
- ◆ Lack of centrally located neighborhood park





## **Neighborhood Goals and Strategies**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Improve and maintain existing infrastructure network, including streets, sidewalks, lighting, drainage systems and roadways, within the neighborhood to produce a safe and attractive neighborhood environment.**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>POTENTIAL ACTION PARTNER(s)</b>
Annually submit written request for street improvements. Include information supporting need, for example, paving, resurfacing, or road widening.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Public Works COSA Capital Improvements Management Services Department
Annually submit written request for improved and additional lighting. Include streets that require illumination.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Public Works
Annually submit written request for improved and additional sidewalks. Include streets that require pedestrian friendly areas.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Public Works
Annually submit written request for adequate drainage. Include detailed information about particular areas.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Public Works

### **CODE COMPLIANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Reduce code compliance violations in the area and improve the overall public safety and perception of the neighborhood.**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>POTENTIAL ACTION PARTNER(s)</b>
Report all crime activity immediately.	COSA Police Department
Annually submit request and petition requesting a SAPD substation or EMS storefront. Include information supporting location.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Police Department
Organize Cellular on Patrol to help educate neighborhood on collaborative efforts to reduce code and crime violations.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Police Department
Utilize City's Toolshed to volunteer grass cutting services for neighbors.	COSA Code Enforcement Services

## **Neighborhood Goals and Strategies (cont.)**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CAPACITY AND PARTICIPATION**

**Build neighborhood partnerships to maintain a more effective, meaningful, and a greater sense of community.**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>POTENTIAL ACTION PARTNER(s)</b>
Promote membership in neighborhood association.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Planning and Community Development Neighborhood Resource Center Neighborhood Link
Increase communication within neighborhood by providing a newsletter.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Department of Planning and Community Development Neighborhood Resource Center Neighborhood Link
Participate in Annual National Night Out.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Police Department COSA Department of Planning and Community Development
Utilize existing park for community oriented activities.	COSA Parks and Recreation Department

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Continue to advocate for expansion and inclusion of civic facilities (parks, libraries, swimming pools) to better meet the needs of all residents. Utilize current facilities to foster neighborhood unity.**

<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>POTENTIAL ACTION PARTNER(s)</b>
Annually submit written request for civic facilities. Include information supporting need, for example, serving the cultural needs of the community.	City Council District 2 Office COSA Parks and Recreation Department COSA Public Library

## **APPENDICES**

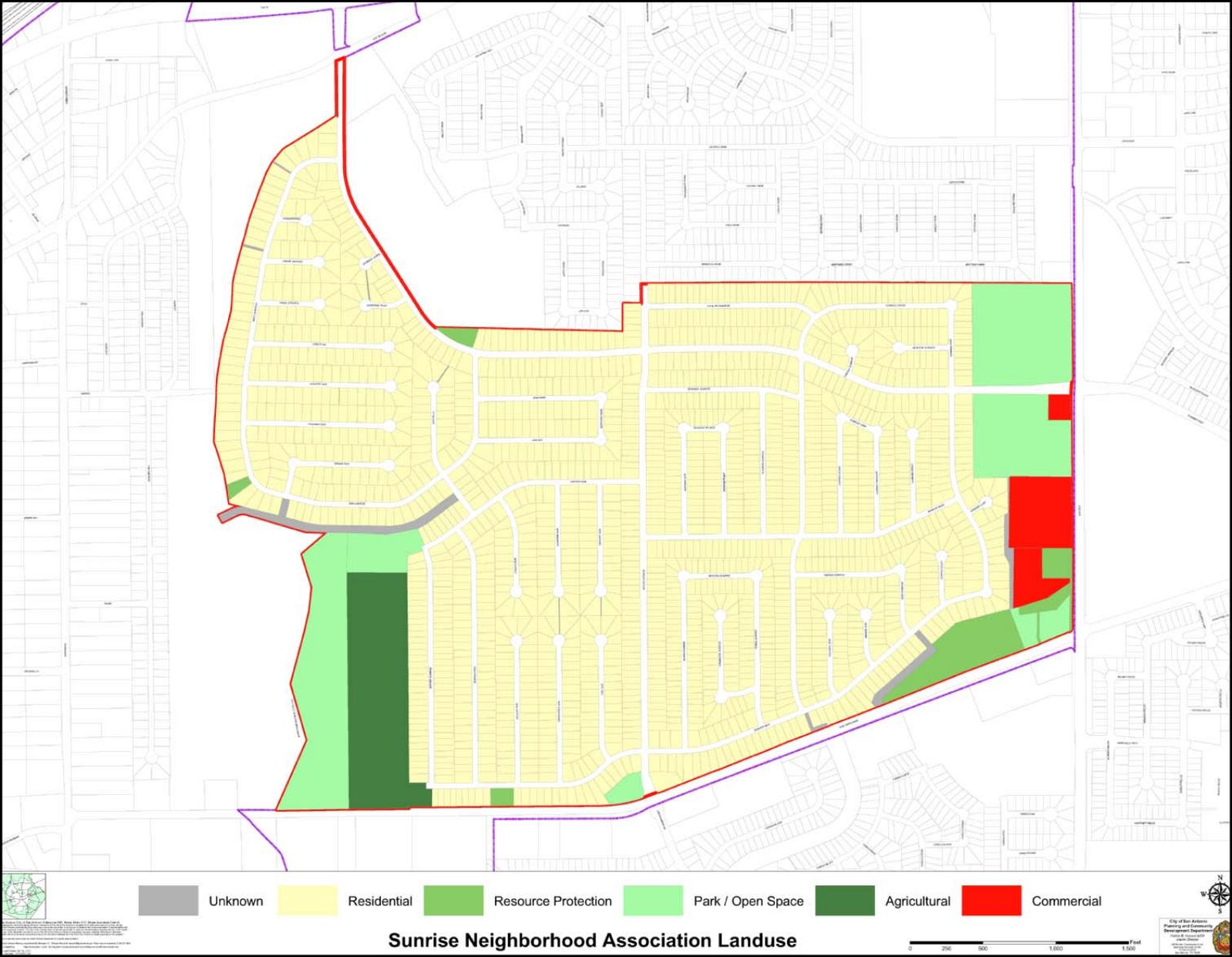
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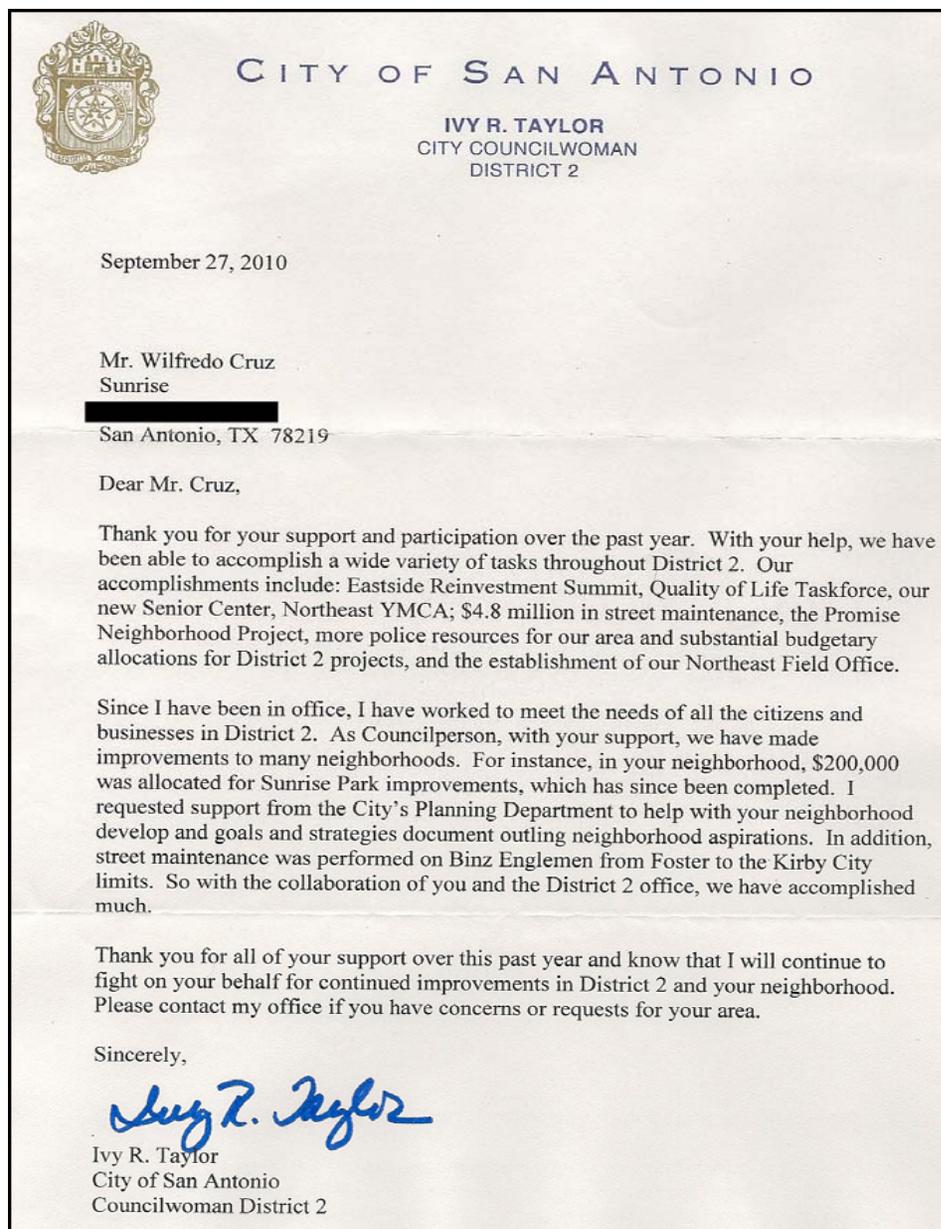
# Appendix A: Aerial Map



# Appendix B: Existing Land Use Map



## Appendix C: Letter From Council District 2



## Appendix D: Letter From Department Director



### CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

Dear Neighbors:

Congratulations! Over the past several months, dedicated residents and stakeholders from the Sunrise Neighborhood committed their time to develop and complete this Goals and Strategies Report. A Goals and Strategies Report, based upon resident participation, provides a snapshot of neighborhood needs and identifies potential strategies to accomplish those needs. Planning and Community Development Department staff coordinated with residents from the Sunrise Neighborhood to brainstorm and identify goals and strategies to improve current area conditions as well as to lay the groundwork for future planning efforts.

As part of the Goals and Strategies Report process, public meetings were held between May 2010 and December 2010. At the meetings, neighbors identified the top four goals as: improving and requesting new infrastructure, enforcing code compliance and public safety issues, increasing neighborhood capacity and participation, and a need for community facilities.

The City cannot improve neighborhoods alone. Today, neighborhoods must partner with all stakeholders schools, businesses, non-profit organizations, religious organizations and other community institutions to make a positive impact. Although there is no funding attached to this Report, the process functions as a catalyst to energize and focus the community toward accomplishing its goals.

The Sunrise Goals and Strategies report will be distributed to appropriate City departments, as well as to District 2 Councilwoman Ivy R. Taylor and to Mayor Julian Castro. As Interim Director for the City of San Antonio Department of Planning and Community Development, I applaud your efforts and commitment. Thank you for making our neighborhoods a better and safer place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Howard".

Patrick B. Howard, Interim Director, AICP  
Department of Planning and Community Development

## Appendix E: Contact Directory

The following is a quick reference of City of San Antonio (COSA) Departments and other organizations mentioned in this Report. General COSA information can be found at : [www.SanAntonio.gov](http://www.SanAntonio.gov)

City Council District 2 Office  
[www.sanantonio.gov/council/D2](http://www.sanantonio.gov/council/D2)  
 207-7278

COSA Animal Care Services  
[www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare](http://www.sanantonio.gov/animalcare)  
 207-4PET

COSA Capital Improvements Management Services Department  
[www.sanantonio.gov/cims](http://www.sanantonio.gov/cims)  
 207-1011

COSA Code Enforcement Services  
[www.sanantonio.gov/hns](http://www.sanantonio.gov/hns)  
 207-7881

- District 2 Code Enforcement Investigator, 416-5851

COSA Department of Planning and Community Development  
[www.sanantonio.gov/planning](http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning)  
 207-0147

COSA Department of Public Works  
[www.sanantonio.gov/publicworks](http://www.sanantonio.gov/publicworks)  
 359-3100

COSA Fire Department  
[www.sanantonio.gov/safd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/safd)  
 207-8400

COSA Parks and Recreation Department  
[www.sanantonio.gov/sapar](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapar)  
 207-8480

COSA Police Department  
[www.sanantonio.gov/sapd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd)  
 207-7273

- East Substation SAFFE Officer, 207-7566

COSA Public Library  
[www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org)  
 207-2500

COSA Solid Waste Management Department  
[www.sanantonio.gov/swmd](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd)  
 207-6400

Neighborhood Link  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com)

Neighborhood Resource Center  
[www.nrc-sa.org](http://www.nrc-sa.org)  
 735-0586

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To find this report on-line, please visit:

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<http://www.sanantonio.gov/planning/>

To find more information about the Sunrise Neighborhood, please visit:

<http://www.sunriseneighborhood.com/>

