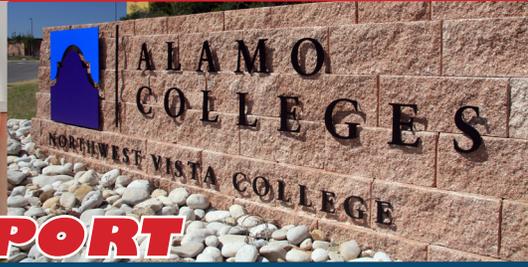


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Councilman District 6



THE DISTRICT 6 REPORT

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO



Ray Lopez
City Council District 6

Dear District 6 Constituents and Friends,

It's hard to believe the holiday season is already here. This past year has been full of great projects, programs, and improvements. I take great pride in seeing our district become more successful each and every year. A great triumph for the district has been the creation of the District 6 Senior One Stop Center. My staff and I are pleased to see so many of you taking advantage of the many programs offered there each day. In addition, my staff and I are working hard alongside residents and City staff to form recommendations for the 2012 Bond so that we can continue to see enhancements within District 6. As you take the time to browse through the following stories, I hope you are pleased with the hard work and dedication my staff, our residents and volunteers have committed to seeing District 6 become a wonderful place to work and live.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez,
CITY COUNCILMAN, District 6

2012 Bond

City Council has proposed a bond election in May 2012. The four propositions totaling \$596 million are currently being reviewed by separate 32 member Bond Committees for each proposition. The four propositions are: Streets / Bridges / Sidewalks - \$340 million; Parks - \$65 million; Drainage - \$130 million; and Facilities / Community Initiatives - \$61 million.

City Council has designed a public process whereby Citizen Bond Committees review recommendations for projects from city staff, the public and committee members. The Committees began meeting in October and will continue to meet through December before making recommendations to City Council in January 2012. The committees for each of the four bond propositions are comprised of two co-chairs appointed by the mayor and three members from each of the ten Council districts. District 6 is represented by twelve individuals from throughout the district who sit on one of the four committees.

All 2012-2017 Bond Committee meetings are open to the public - 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cliff Morton Development & Business Services Center located at 1901 S. Alamo St. The last Bond Program was approved by voters in May 2007 and consisted of five propositions with 151 projects. Over 90 percent of these projects are either complete or under construction and are on schedule to be substantially complete by June 2012. More information and the meeting dates for each committee are available online at www.sanantonio.gov/2012Bond.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
SAPD Non-Emergency	207-7273
Fire Non-Emergency	207-7744
Park Police	207-8590
Municipal Court	207-8970
Senior Services	207-7172
Parks & Recreation	207-8480
Animal Care Services	207-4738
Graffiti Abatement Program	207-5430
City Customer Service	311
Public Works	207-8022
Solid Waste Management	207-6470
Library	207-2500
City of San Antonio Job Line	207-7280
United Way Help Line	211
San Antonio Food Bank	337-3663
CPS Energy	353-2222
SAWS	704-7297

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Rebuilding Together San Antonio

On Saturday October 1st, Councilman Lopez and District 6 staff, along with more than 350 volunteers from Rebuilding Together San Antonio painted, raked, repaired and cleaned their way to building a better community by helping their neighbors in need. As part of the non-profit's Annual Home Repair Workday, 15 elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners had their homes remodeled and made handicap accessible. Ten homes received repairs on the workday and five more received repairs in the months since. This community investment project began during June 2011 when 1,000 applications were delivered to area homeowners. Recipients had to apply and qualify for the program. In addition to the 15 homes, an additional 29 homeowners were selected and placed on a waiting list.



Westside Summit

Beginning in April of 2011 the Mayor, along with Councilmembers Diego Bernal (District 1), David Medina (District 5), Ray Lopez (District 6), and Cris Medina (District 7) hosted economic development summit meetings throughout the Westside. Residents who attended were encouraged to provide valuable input regarding the future of economic development projects on the Westside. Five priority corridors and ten projects were identified.

Corridors: 1. Buena Vista and Commerce 2. General McMullen 3. 36th Street 4. Frio Street 5. Guadalupe Street.

Projects: 1. Westside Creeks Enhancement Project 2. UTSA. Market Square Gateway 3. Union Stockyard (I-35 South/Laredo Area) 4. Las Palmas Enhancement (Castroville/Gen McMullen) 5. Housing Revitalization 6. Westside Corridor Initiative 7. 36th Street Redevelopment 8. Intra-neighborhood Shuttle to Bus Rapid Transit Line 9. Westside Parks Development 10. Westside Education & Training Center Site Improvement.

2011-2012 City Budget

City Council adopted a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012 (October 2011 — September 2012) on September 15, 2011. The Proposed FY 2012 Budget does not increase either the City Property Tax Rate or the monthly Storm Water Fee. Resources were added to provide more recycling opportunities for our community and to reduce illegal dumping. The Budget maintains Budgeted Financial Reserves at 9% of General Fund Appropriations or \$85 million in 2012.

Budget Highlights include increasing the number of officers on patrol by moving 17 sworn officers from administrative duties to Patrol and Narcotics units. The budget also redirected \$1.8 million to street pavement preservation projects, added \$250,000 for library books and materials, and created a Brownfield Coordinator position which Councilman Lopez sought in order to increase the city's economic development opportunities.

Councilman's Mexico City and China (International Canal Cities Conference) Trips

Councilman Lopez accompanied Mayor Castro and Councilman Cris Medina to Mexico City August 7-9, 2011. The trip included a meeting with Mexican President Felipe Calderon. Among the topics discussed were business investment and immigration. Additional San Antonio delegates were members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, acting U.S. Ambassador to Mexico John Feeley, Mexico's Foreign Affairs Secretary Patricia Espinosa, and Mexico's consul general in San Antonio Armando Ortiz Rocha.

Councilman Lopez also attended the International Canal Cities Conference in Yangzhou, China. Councilman Lopez gave the keynote address as San Antonio was recognized for the design and improvement of the River Walk.



Leon Central Trailhead Ribbon Cutting

On Friday October 21st, Councilman Lopez, along with District 7 Councilman Cris Medina and the Parks and Recreation Department, attended the ribbon cutting for the opening of the Leon Creek Greenway Central segment trailhead. This newest segment, located at the VIA Ingram Transit Center, will allow residents to hike and bike 13 miles of trail from Ingram to the Valero trailhead located at I-10 and Loop 1604.



Marbach Drainage Project (Military to W. Rawhide)

Marbach Drainage, Phase II A (Military to Rawhide) is one of the 2007 Bond projects that began in 2011 and will be completed by September 2012. The project will redesign Marbach from Military to Loop 410 and reconstruct Marbach from Military to Rawhide. The completed project will accommodate for drainage improvements.



Back to School Backpack Giveaway, 2011-2012 Academic Year

Councilman Lopez, along with H-E-B, KB Homes, San Antonio Police Officers Association and San Antonio Professional Fire Fighters Association partnered on Saturday, August 27th, to provide over 900 backpacks and school supplies to students in District 6. The goal is to enable students to be prepared and ready to learn throughout the school year. Students were preselected with the help of teachers and counselors from participating schools.



2011 Senior Dance at Convention Center

The District 6 Alicia Treviño López Senior One Stop Center participated in the Kermes event at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on October 7, 2011. There were approximately 250 seniors in attendance. District 6 seniors brought home trophies for Best Traditional Dress, Best Dance and 1st Place in table decoration. Seniors had a great time representing the López Senior Center during its first year of operation.



Senior Center Grand Opening & Wall of Honor Ceremony

Mayor Julián Castro, Councilman Ray Lopez, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez and WellMed Charitable Foundation Co-Founder Richard Manning led senior residents and guests in the grand opening of the Alicia Treviño López Senior One Stop Center on Tuesday July 5th.

The 22,000 square-foot facility, co-operated by the City of San Antonio and WellMed Charitable Foundation, features nutritious mid-day meals, exercise/fitness stations, games, arts/crafts activities, a computer café, basic health screenings and caregiver support provided by WellMed. In addition, case management assistance, and computer/Internet instruction are provided. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration is free and open to all senior residents ages 60 and older. The Alicia Treviño López Senior One Stop Center is the sixth multi-service senior center to be established by the City.

On September 9, 2011, Councilman Lopez hosted the first Wall of Honor Ceremony located at the newly opened Alicia Treviño López Senior One Stop Center. Honorees were nominated by members of the District 6 community and selected by Councilman Lopez. The honorees are (left to right) Floyd Jackson, Doris Griffin, and James Kelly. The Wall of Honor tradition will continue yearly, honoring a senior that is an active participant in the Senior Center, as well as in the District 6 Community.





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DISTRICT 6 CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

District 6 Holiday Open House

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Alicia Treviño López Senior One Stop Center,
8353 Culebra Rd., 6:00 - 8:00 pm

- Please RSVP by contacting Jesse Cardenas at 207-3749 or jesse.cardenas@sanantonio.gov.
- Help a child in need & bring an unwrapped present to help with our toy drive.

“Lopez Live: Community Empowerment” TV Show

Show will air on Channel 21 at the following times:

- Mondays at 4:00 pm
- Tuesdays at 9:30 pm
- Wednesdays at 11:00 am

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Field Office Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Walk-in appointments welcomed, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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