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Councilman District 6

THE DISTRICT 6 REPORT

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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City Council District 6

Dear District 6 Constituents and Friends,

The summer is finally here! Our office has been working hard to bring new and exciting projects to our district as well as continue to find new ways to reach out to consituents during the summer. We are working diligently to be involved in the district with our Summer Outreach days, Volunteer initiatives, and Back to School Backpack event. As I embark on my second year in office, I am happy to see so many dedicated citizens involved in our community events and projects. Moreover, my staff and I will continue to work on addressing the needs and concerns of our community in order to build stronger partnerships with our constituents.

Sincerely,

Ray Lopez,
CITY COUNCILMAN, District 6

March for Babies

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, my staff & I walked in March for Babies to give hope to the families of babies born too soon or sick. The event took place at SeaWorld San Antonio, and we walked 3.1 miles to show everyone how much we care about babies!

The money we raised supports March of Dimes programs here in San Antonio and helps moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. March of Dimes also funds research to find answers to the serious problems that threaten our babies, like premature birth. Affecting more than half a million babies in our country each year, premature birth is the #1 cause of newborn death. And the rate of premature birth continues to rise.

I would like to recognize all the individuals who volunteered their time to join us for the walk. We had a great time and we look forward to next year's march!

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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Economic Development

Councilman Attends World Expo in China

Councilman Lopez joined Mayor Julían Castro and council members Elisa Chan, John Clamp and Mary Alice Cisneros in a delegation of more than 70 city and business leaders to Shanghai, China on Saturday, May 22 to attend the 2010 World Expo. While in China, the delegation not only represented the City of San Antonio at the largest exposition in history, but it also worked to forge economic and cultural relations and create business opportunities. In addition, Mayor Castro signed Friendship City Agreements with the two Chinese cities of Suzhou and Wuxi.

Expected to draw more than 70 million people from across the world, 192 countries and 42 international organizations, the Expo will be the largest World's Fair in history, making San Antonio's presence a unique and potentially profitable experience. In fact, San Antonio was the first U.S. city to appear in the USA Pavilion.

This year's Expo theme is Better City, Better Life and will focus on initiatives achieving greener, safer, healthier, prosperous, inclusive and well-managed cities. San Antonio's exhibit featured its targeted industries, tourism and quality of life. Known as "San Antonio Days," the city was featured in the USA Pavilion May 25 through May 27.

Business Forum

Councilman Lopez invited local businesses on March 25th to attend a seminar that focused on providing information on qualifications and incentives for a variety of programs available to District 6 firms. The highlighted topic covered the HUBZone contracting program for the Federal government. Other topics included the District 6 Facade Improvement Program for property and business owners as well as the recently approved incentive program for Inner-City re-development.

Health and Safety

President's Council ~ Neighborhood Association and Homeowners Association President's Meeting

As part of District 6's ongoing commitment to open communication with constituents, Councilman Lopez held his second meeting of the year with Neighborhood Association Presidents from throughout the district. CPS Energy was on hand to present information and handouts on the Casa Verde Weatherization assistance program.

Spring into Green Event

Councilman Lopez hosted the 1st Annual District 6 "Spring into Green" event to promote environmentally friendly products and information. Representatives from various City of San Antonio Departments (San Antonio Police Department, San Antonio Fire Department, Solid Waste Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Office of Cultural Affairs, Office of Historic Preservation, Community Initiatives, Housing & Neighborhood Services, Animal Care Services & Library Department) as well as representatives from CPS Energy, San Antonio Water System, BexarMet & VIA were on hand to answer questions on how the City is working to better our environment while also providing ways for residents to "go green" and save money in the process. Residents who attended enjoyed music with a DJ, informational booths, food, entertainment, tree give-away, CFL lights and reusable grocery bags.

I would like to thank the San Antonio Police Officers Association, the San Antonio Professional Firefighters Association and Southwest Preparatory High School, Northeast Campus for providing the refreshments. Also, to Fiesta Noche Del Rio for providing the entertainment.

Benitia Family Center Cleanup

Councilman Ray Lopez, along with staff, residents from the Los Jardines area and volunteers from Cricket Communications, provided a full clean up of the Benitia Family Center's acre lot. Also, thanks to Elizabeth Brown & Domingo Portillo with Housing & Neighborhood Services for all their help with this great cleanup. Due to economic limitations, the Center has been unable to maintain the landscaping of the property. The Benitia Center previously has offered counseling for individuals, families, children and a counseling program for 9-14 year olds. The Center also has tutoring, learn to read (literacy) and a reading program for 4-8 year olds as well as community outreach that helps residents make their community safe and nurturing for their children. The clean up will certainly enable the Benitia Family Center to continue their services.

Fishing Event at Wheeler Park

On April 10th, Councilman Lopez, along with staff and residents from the Chesnut Springs Neighborhood Association fished for the very first time at Wheeler Park thanks to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the City's Parks & Recreation Department, which has designated Wheeler Park Pond as an official TPWD Community Fishing Lake. It was stocked with adult bass and sunfish from the Choke Canyon Reservoir. CFLs have different catfish harvest regulations than the statewide standard. There is no minimum size fish that can be caught at Wheeler Park but there is a five fish daily bag limit as opposed to the statewide standard of 12" minimum size and 25 fish bag limit.

Special thanks to SAPD Officer Castano, Park Police & Parks & Recreation for joining us at this event!

Durango Blvd. Ribbon Cutting

On Tuesday, June 8th, Councilman Lopez was joined by Edgewood ISD Administrators and the Neighborhood Residents at Coronado Escobar Elementary School for the ribbon cutting for the newly reconstructed and completed Durango Blvd. from General McMullen to 34th Street. Work included full depth pavement reclamation including curb, sidewalk, driveway approaches and drainage improvements at a cost of $2.8 million.

Culebra Creek Soccer

On June 2nd, County Judge Nelson Wolff, and Councilman Lopez were on hand to officially "kick" off the construction of Culebra Creek Soccer Park, a Visitor Tax-funded project managed by Alamo City Youth Soccer Organization (ACYSO). The $5.23 million in Visitor Tax funds, along with the City of San Antonio's donation of land and contribution of more than $1 million will provide the organization an opportunity to host tournaments and grow the ranks of young children playing soccer in Northwest Bexar County.

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Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Walk-in appoinments welcomed 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DISTRICT 6 CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

District 6 Interns

Councilman Lopez is proud to announce that three interns have been assisting my office for the summer. All three interns live in District 6, and are excited to make a positive impact in their district. The interns have worked in both the field office and at city hall. Also, they have assisted staff with constituent issues, researched issues brought before city council and have had the opportunity to observe city council meetings. Christina Mares is a student at St. Mary's University where she will be graduating with a Master's in Public Administration in December 2010. Dominique Hinson is a senior at Texas A&M University and will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in May 2011. Andrew Aleman is a junior at Sacred Heart University, and he will be graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in May 2012. The interns will continue to accompany the staff to various events, and look forward to meeting more of the wonderful constituents within District 6.

Calendar of Events

District 6 Town Hall Meeting

District 6 Town Hall Mtg
- Monday, August 23, 2010
- Northside Activity Center, 7001 Culebra
- 6:00 pm
- Agenda: COSA 2010-2011 Budget

"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