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The City of San Antonio asks citizens to volunteer their service on almost 90 boards, committees and commissions. Some of these bodies are legislatively mandated and others were established by City ordinance. In addition, at any given time there are ad hoc advisory groups and task forces addressing specific issues or projects. Hundreds of individuals give tens of thousands of hours of their time to the city each year to help carry out basic functions of local governance.

Reviewing these committees and making recommendations about their composition, duration and function is an appropriate function of the City Council Governance Committee. A rolling process should allow each body to be reviewed once every three to five years. As no process is currently in place, staff should be called on to identify good models and best practices from within current City functions or from other communities or levels of government, such as the State of Texas.

I am requesting that this item be placed on the next available agenda of the Governance Committee.