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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Council Member Roberto C. Treviño, District 1
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SUBJECT: First Amendment Assembly and Procession Procedures
DATE: February 2, 2017

Issue Proposed for Consideration

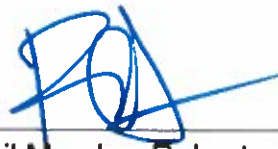
We ask for your support for the immediate inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the next meeting of the Governance Committee:

Recognizing that the right to assembly and procession protects one of the most important rights of civic participation, we task the City Attorney to reassess permitting procedures for First Amendment assembly and procession procedures in public places, and to provide options for potentially easing restrictions for safe, peaceful, and legal demonstrations.

Policy options may include altering the standards for issuance of a permit, reassessment fees related to First Amendment assembly and procession, expansion of those public spaces where assembly and procession are allowed. These new regulations would apply to all public spaces in San Antonio, and would include appropriate provisions for those public spaces with particular security needs or restrictions, such as the San Antonio International Airport and Stinson Municipal Airport.

These new procedures should allow citizens of San Antonio to continue to make their voices heard while ensuring that public safety is maintained. In order to allow the greatest expression of First Amendment right to assembly and procession by the citizens of San Antonio, while maintaining order and harmony, the City Council should undertake a proactive review of all procedures for assembly and procession. The City Council should assess and determine, from among the options provided by the City Attorney, which reforms should be implemented.

Submitted for Council consideration by:



Council Member Roberto C. Treviño
Council District 1



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