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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, Councilmember Ana Sandoval and Councilmember Clayton Perry

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SUBJECT: Creation of a Mail Box Theft Task Force

DATE: February 21, 2018

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I request the City Council to create a task force to review the issues surrounding theft of Cluster Mail Boxes.

Brief Background

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council consider the creation of a task force to specifically address how to better investigate and prevent mail theft at cluster mail boxes.

The offence is codified under 18 USC Section 1708 which states:

*Whoever steals, takes, or abstracts, or by fraud or deception obtains, or attempts so to obtain, from or out of any mail, post office, or station thereof, letter box, mail receptacle, or any mail route or other authorized depository for mail matter, or from a letter or mail carrier, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or abstracts or removes from any such letter, package, bag, or mail, any article or thing contained therein, or secretes, embezzles, or destroys any such letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein; or*

*Whoever steals, takes, or abstracts, or by fraud or deception obtains any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein which has been left for collection upon or adjacent to a collection box or other authorized depository of mail matter; or*

*Whoever buys, receives, or conceals, or unlawfully has in his possession, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein, which has been so stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted, as herein described, knowing the same to have been stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted-*

*Shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.*

This crime falls under the jurisdiction of United States Postal Inspection Service.

This task force that shall at a minimum include the United States Postal Inspection Service, San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office and neighborhood leadership to review the resources and authority of their respective departments with the goal of creating a policy and process to deal with investigating mail theft. A second outcome of this task force is the creation of guidelines to address best practices to reduce the theft from cluster mail boxes such as placement, orientation, locking mechanisms or other options.

We respectfully ask for your support in this matter to address the issue of cluster mailbox theft in our community

Submitted for Council consideration  
by:



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Councilmember Greg Brockhouse, District 6



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Councilmember Ana Sandoval, District 7



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Councilmember Clayton Perry, District 10

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