

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO:

Mayor & City Council

FROM:

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Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Martha G. Sepeda, Acting

COPIES TO:

City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Christopher Callanen,

Assistant to City Council

SUBJECT:

Creation of a Social Host Accountability Ordinance

DATE:

May 6, 2016

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:

Directing staff to create a local "Social Host Ordinance" aimed at reducing underage drinking at gatherings where minors might consume alcohol. The ordinance should hold accountable the adults who are legally responsible for the property where the underage drinking has occurred.

Brief Background

The occurrence of gatherings involving underage drinking on private property is a threat to the public health, safety, and general welfare of a community. A Social Host Ordinance would grant local enforcement agencies the ability to abate gatherings where alcohol is being consumed by minors on private property. The ordinance may also decrease the abuse of alcohol by minors, physical altercations and injuries, sexual assaults, truancy, driving under the influence of alcohol, adolescent crime, motor vehicle crashes, neighborhood vandalism, and excessive noise disturbances. The Social Host Ordinance will make San Antonio a safer city and improve overall quality of life for all residents.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Counsilman Rey Saldara, District 4

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