

ORDINANCE 2019-10-03-0812

**AMENDING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE 116TH U.S. CONGRESS.**

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**WHEREAS**, development of the City of San Antonio's federal initiatives for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress began in September 2018 in collaboration with City Departments, national organizations, community partners, and the City's federal consultant team; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal legislative program guides the City's advocacy activities and is comprised of the following categories: Priorities, Legislative Issues, Agency Initiatives, Protection of Municipals Interests, and Partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's federal priorities include federal funding and/or legislative action in relation to military protection, aviation, transportation infrastructure, and housing; and

**WHEREAS**, Legislative and agency initiatives included in the 116<sup>th</sup> Program focus on issues that align with City priorities and enhance the City's commitment to leverage national resources and partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's federal legislative efforts include the protection of municipal interests, identification of federal funding to support local investments, and advocacy to ensure that federal resources continue to be available for San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018 the City Council approved a resolution on Women's Equity, reaffirming the commitment of the City to improve the status of women in part by eliminating all forms of violence against women; and

**WHEREAS**, the City commissioned a report on the status of women to reaffirm the commitment to improve the status of women in the community and help develop a comprehensive plan to deal with domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the report showed that gains have been made in the areas of education and earning but also measured an increase in violence against women between 2012 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council Governance and Intergovernmental Relations committees requested that the issue of domestic violence prevention and services be elevated to a priority in the City's federal legislative program; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2019 the City Council approved a Resolution calling for the Texas legislature and U.S. Congress take action to address gun violence across the country, in response to two consecutive mass shooting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH, and the over 39,000 lives lost to firearms on an annual basis; and

**WHEREAS**, as directed by the City Council, the City Manager sent the Resolution to the Texas

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, the entire Bexar County state and federal legislative delegations, the Texas Municipal League and all Texas cities with a population greater than 500,000; and

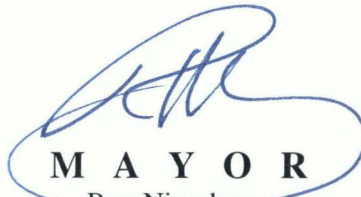
**WHEREAS**, the City Council Governance and Intergovernmental Relations committees requested that support for firearms safety legislation be added to the federal legislative program;  
**NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**


**SECTION 1.** The City of San Antonio's Federal Legislative Program for the 116th U.S. Congress is amended to include support for policies, legislation, programs and funding relating to domestic violence prevention and gun safety. A copy of the amended Program is attached to this Ordinance as **Exhibit I**.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it shall be effective ten days after its passage.


**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2019.

  
**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

  
Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for Andrew Segovia, City Attorney

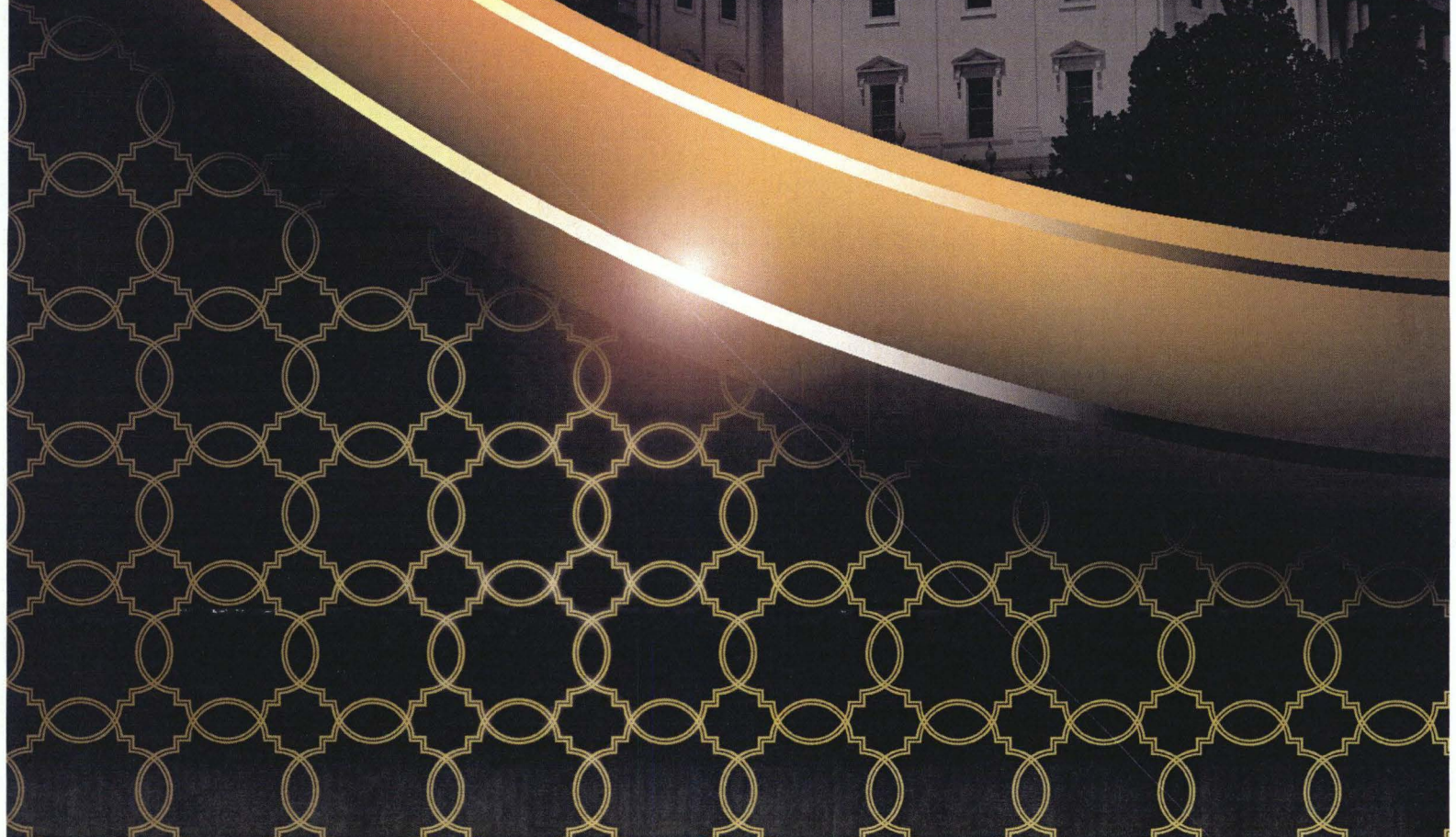
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<b>Date:</b>	10/03/2019						
<b>Time:</b>	10:12:14 AM						
<b>Vote Type:</b>	Motion to Approve						
<b>Description:</b>	Ordinance approving amendments to the City of San Antonio's Federal Legislative Program for the 116th U.S. Congress. [Carlos Contreras, Assistant City Manager; Jeff Coyle, Director, Government & Public Affairs]						
<b>Result:</b>	Passed						
<b>Voter</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Not Present</b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>
Ron Nirenberg	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				
Jada Andrews-Sullivan	District 2		x			x	
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				x
Adriana Rocha Garcia	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Melissa Cabello Havrda	District 6		x				
Ana E. Sandoval	District 7		x				
Manny Pelaez	District 8		x				
John Courage	District 9		x				
Clayton H. Perry	District 10		x				

# 116TH

UNITED STATES  
CONGRESS

# FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE

## PROGRAM



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# MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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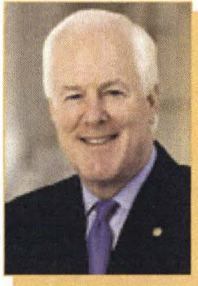
**JOHN COURAGE  
DISTRICT 9**



**CLAYTON H. PERRY  
DISTRICT 10**

# CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

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**JOHN CORNYN**  
SENATOR

## **Committee on Finance**

- CHAIRMAN, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness
- Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Healthcare
- Subcommittee on Taxation, IRS Oversight, and Long-Term Growth

## **Committee on the Judiciary**

- CHAIRMAN, Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration
- Subcommittee on The Constitution
- Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism

## **Select Committee on Intelligence**



**TED CRUZ**  
SENATOR

## **Committee on Foreign Relations**

### **Committee on Commerce, Science, & Transportation**

- CHAIRMAN, Subcommittee on Aviation and Space
- Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet
- Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, Insurance, and Data Security
- Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

### **Committee on the Judiciary**

- CHAIRMAN, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts
- Subcommittee on The Constitution
- Subcommittee on Immigration and the National Interest

## **Joint Economic Committee**

## **Committee on Rules & Administration**



**JOAQUIN CASTRO**  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 20

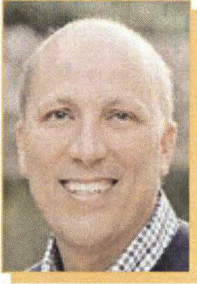
## **Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence**

### **Committee on Foreign Affairs**

- Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade

### **Committee on Foreign Affairs, Vice-Chair**

- Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment
- Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade



**CHIP ROY**  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 21

**Committee on Oversight and Reform**

**Committee on the Budget**

**Committee on Veterans' Affairs**



**WILL HURD**  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 23

**Committee on Appropriations**

- Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
- Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing & Urban Development

**Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence**

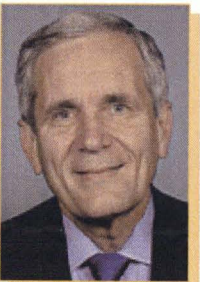
- Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Intelligence Modernization and Readiness



**HENRY CUELLAR**  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 28

**Committee on Appropriations**

- Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food & Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
- Subcommittee on Defense
- Subcommittee on Homeland Security



**LLOYD DOGGETT**  
REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 35

**Committee on Ways and Means**

- CHAIRMAN, subcommittee on Health
- Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures

**Committee on the Budget**



# PRIORITIES

## MILITARY PROTECTION

Sustain and enhance Joint Base San Antonio's (JBSA) mission readiness, and ensure the long term protection of the region's military bases by helping to preserve, protect and grow military missions and installations in the San Antonio region. Furthermore, sustain and increase P4 and other partnerships with the region's military, and pursue infrastructure funding through the National Defense and Authorization Act (NDAA) for off base projects.



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ABUSE & PREVENTION SERVICES

Support policies and programs to prevent domestic violence. Furthermore, support funding for prevention education and intervention services to effectively address this issue in our community.

## AVIATION

Support Federal Aviation Administration plans to develop alternative funding sources to improve our nation's airport infrastructure and the passenger experience. Furthermore, support an increase in the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding and greater flexibility for the use of AIP funds and raising or eliminating the Passenger Facility Charge of (PFC) cap of \$4.50 (subject to Council consideration). Also, support Congressional changes to Perimeter Rule and Slot Rule in order to secure a Nonstop Flight from San Antonio International Airport (SAT) to Washington Reagan National (SAT-DCA).

## TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Support the city's multimodal transportation plan to help meet the community's transportation goals by identifying new funding sources and advocating for funding increases in key programs, such as reauthorization of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and other key transit and surface transportation grant programs, such as INFRA, TIGER and FASTLANE.

## HOUSING

Support the enhancement and expansion of San Antonio's affordable housing programs and services by identifying any new funding sources and advocating for funding increases to programs such as the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and other federal programs.



# LEGISLATIVE AND AGENCY ISSUES

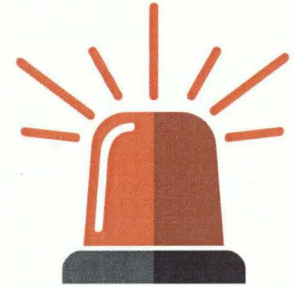
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS**

Support full and expanded funding dedicated to supporting state and local law enforcement and public safety, such as Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Byrne Justice Assistance Grant programs.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & HOMELAND SECURITY**

Support programs and increased funding to promote a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary approach to regional prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and resiliency from a terrorist attack or natural disaster, such as Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and Assistance to Fire Fighter grant programs.



## **WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDITS/EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDITS**

Support the extension and expansion of tax credits for businesses that hire vulnerable populations in economically distressed areas.

## **HISTORIC TAX CREDITS ENHANCEMENTS**

Support historic tax credit enhancements that help make historic tax credits more attractive and restore the value lost by requiring it be taken over 5 years.

## **DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS**

Support congressional action that enables undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to earn lawful status.

## **WORKFORCE & TRAINING**

Support reauthorization and funding for workforce, education and training programs for youth, adults and veterans that will help build a highly skilled workforce with a focus on industry-focused education and training programs for new and incumbent workers in the San Antonio region as the primary means of advancing racial and income equity.



## **PUBLIC CHARGE RULE**

Urge the Department of Homeland Security and Congress not to include participation in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Medicaid in the list of enumerated benefits that would weigh against an intending immigrant as related to the proposed Public Charge Rule. These health programs provide valuable coverage for our most vulnerable populations, including pregnant women.

## **ANTI-TRAFFICKING & SMUGGLING**

Support programs and funding for anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling programs.

## **FIREARMS SAFETY**

Support comprehensive legislation to prevent gun violence, including policies that require background checks for gun sales.

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION & SERVICES**

Support policies and programs to curtail the use and abuse of dangerous substances in our community. Furthermore, support funding for prevention education and treatment programs to effectively address this issue in our community.

## **HOMELESS PREVENTION & SERVICES**

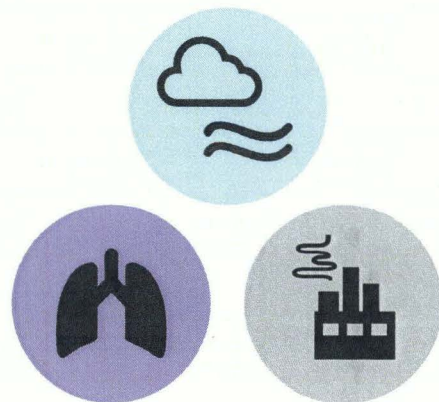
Support programs and resources to develop an effective system for chronically homeless individuals, and especially those who suffer from severe addiction and mental illness.

## **SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL PARK**

Support a federal funding increase for operations and maintenance of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park and the backlog of infrastructure repairs.

## **AIR QUALITY**

Support policies, programs and funding for nonattainment areas to reach and maintain attainment with federal ozone standards before additional regulations are necessary.



## **BROWNFIELDS**

Support funding for the Brownfields Program in the areas of assessment, clean-up and technical assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist City redevelopment.

# PROTECTION OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS

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Support federal regulations or legislation which would clearly benefit the City and Community and oppose any regulations or legislation that would clearly be adverse to the City's and Community's interests.

The City of San Antonio has historically endorsed legislation that would clearly benefit the City and opposed bills that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Undermines the principles of self-government;
- Mandates increased costs to cities, including environmental mandates;
- Results in the loss of revenue to cities or changes the authority of the City to generate revenues;
- Diminishes the fundamental authority of cities to operate in a manner consistent with the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the general public; and/or;
- Preempts municipal authority, municipal code development, and interferes with municipal control.

# PARTNERSHIPS

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The City of San Antonio coordinates with the following local partners in support of their legislative agendas that enhance the health, safety and vitality of the community, provided it does not conflict with the City's own legislative agenda, such as:

**Bexar County**

**Brooks City-Base**

**Chambers of Commerce & Major Employers**

**CPS Energy**

**Higher Education Institutions**

**Joint Base San Antonio**

**Nonprofit partners**

**Port San Antonio**

**San Antonio Housing Authority**

**San Antonio Mobility Coalition**

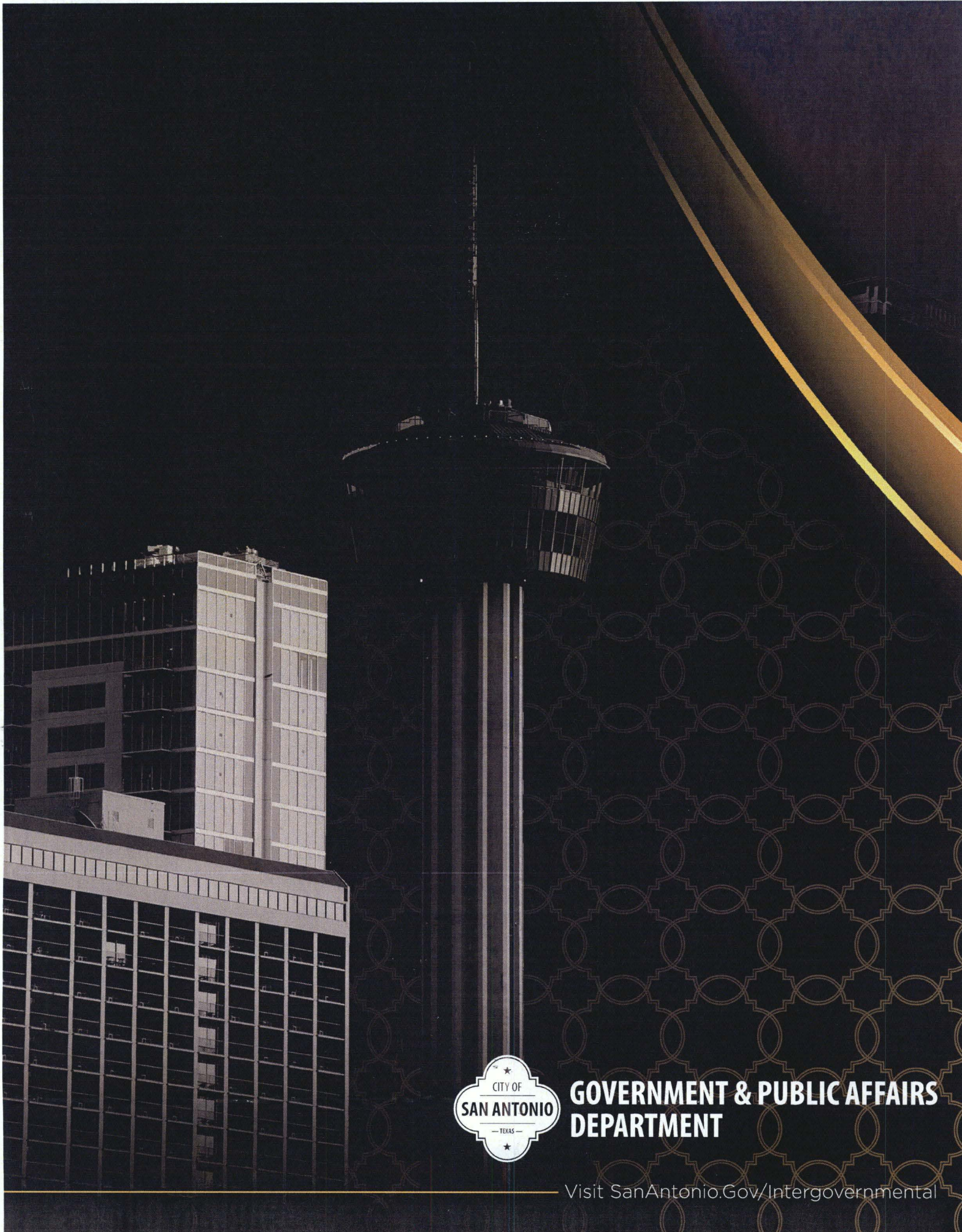
**San Antonio River Authority**

**San Antonio Water System**

**VIA Metropolitan Transit**







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