



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT**

# Local Health Authority

Presented by: Dr. Colleen M. Bridger, Director

Agenda Item #19

August 16, 2018



# Background

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- Local Health Authority (LHA)
  - Licensed physician critical to the state and the local public health system
  - Established by the 79th Legislative session, through the Local Public Health Re-Organization Act
  - Chapter 121 of TX Health and Safety Code



# Background

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- Duties of a LHA include:
  - Enforcing ordinances, sanitation laws, quarantine rules, and vital statistics collection
  - Inspection, disease prevention and suppression, and general sanitation
  - Reporting contagious, infectious, and dangerous epidemic diseases
  - Implementing control measures during public health emergencies



# Fiscal Impact

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- Term of appointment
  - 2-year term effective October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020
  - No term limits
  - Reappointment may be sought at the end of the term
- As this would be an additional assigned duty for our current medical director, there is no fiscal impact to the general fund in appointing a LHA for the City of San Antonio and surrounding areas of Bexar County



# Recommendation

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Staff recommends City Council authorize the execution of a Certificate of Appointment of Local Health Authority, naming Dr. Junda Woo, Metro Health's Medical Director, as the Local Health Authority for the City of San Antonio and surrounding areas of Bexar County