

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING SUPPORT OF A VOTER
INITIATIVE TO CONTINUE THE WATERSHED PROTECTION
EFFORT TOWARDS THE EDWARDS AQUIFER PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, in 2000 the voters approved a 1/8 cent sales tax venue program to collect \$45 million for the purpose of acquiring sensitive lands over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones for use as parks and watershed protection; and,

WHEREAS, in 2005 and 2010 the voters approved an extension of the 1/8 of one cent sales tax venue program to collect \$90 million for the purpose of acquiring sensitive lands over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones for watershed protection; and,

WHEREAS, the 2005 and 2010 voter-approved initiatives have acquired more than 126,000 acres of land and conservation easements in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones, greatly enhancing the preservation of this important water resource in perpetuity; and,

WHEREAS, all the funds from the 2010 voter-approved initiative will be expended on time by the end of fiscal year 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the continued preservation of the Edwards Aquifer and other unique natural resources of the region continue to be significant to the environmental and economic health of the City of San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS, the protection of land over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones contributes significantly to the quantity and quality of water recharging into the aquifer which ultimately flows into the San Antonio pool, from which we draw; and,

WHEREAS, the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones remain extremely vulnerable to incompatible land use conversion and development and landowners in the area are increasingly interested in preserving their land due to a greater understanding of conservation easements and a fluctuating real estate market;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD THAT:**

1. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD recommends the City of San Antonio consider setting a public vote to extend the existing 1/8 cent sales tax to conserve land in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Contributing Zones
2. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD recommends ballot language for this voter referendum rely on the watershed and open-space provisions of Chapter 334 of the Local Government Code.

Adopted this 24th day of September, 2014.

Signature of Conservation Advisory Board Chair:

