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Mayor and City Council
City of San Antonio
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RE: Health and Environmental Hazards Posed By Coal Tar Pavement Sealants

Dear Mayor Castro and Members of the San Antonio City Council:

For the past year and a half the Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee which is made up of representatives of each council district and the mayor's office, has been studying the health and environmental hazards posed by coal tar based pavement sealants.

The detrimental effects of coal tar sealants are well known through extensive studies conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), Baylor University, the United States Public Health Service, and the States of Minnesota and Washington.

In 2012 the Edwards Aquifer Authority passed a regulation prohibiting coal tar sealants in the recharge zones of Hays County and Comal County. The City of Austin prohibits these sealants, and the San Antonio River Authority supports a prohibition in San Antonio.

The Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee respectfully urges City Council to direct City staff to develop a formal recommendation prohibiting the use of coal-tar sealants within the city limits and the ETJ. We enclose supporting documentation for your review.

We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Please contact Mr. Stephen H. Kale, our District 10 representative through the Office of Sustainability.

Respectfully submitted,

Tenna Florian, Chair
San Antonio Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

CC: Douglas R. Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer
Chris Hebner, City Attorney's Office