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SUBJECT: Standing Council Committee Regarding Municipal Courts

DATE: April 2, 2015

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:

Discussion of the establishment of a standing City Council committee charged with providing oversight of the San Antonio Municipal Court system.

Brief Background

The Municipal Court system is one of the most intensive resident-interfacing departments in the City of San Antonio with judicial jurisdiction over traffic violations, animal care services, and code enforcement. City Council and the Municipal Court system must respect the separation of legislative and judicial powers. However, City Council should exercise its power to oversee the management and conduct of the Municipal Court system.

At various times in the past, City Council has established standing and ad hoc committees to oversee judicial selection and court management. At the March 25, 2015 Governance Committee meeting, Council members and present Municipal Court judges, including Presiding Judge Bull, welcomed such an active and consistent Council role moving forward.

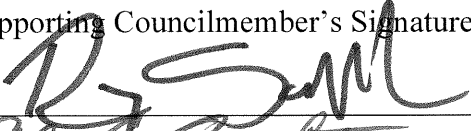
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Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

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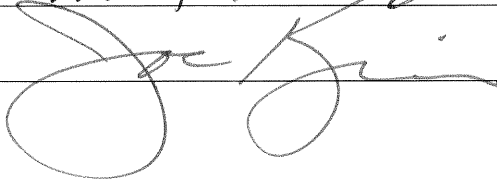
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