



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Cris Medina

COPIES TO: Sheryl Sculley, City Manager; Leticia Vacek, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterrek, Assistant to the City Manager; Christopher Callanen, Assistant to City Council

SUBJECT: Call for Resolution in Support of "David's Law"

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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:

A call for a resolution in support of SB179 and HB305, known as David's Law, to express our solidarity with the victims of bullying and their families.

Brief Background

Just over a year ago, David Molak, a 16 year old San Antonio sophomore, Eagle Scout, avid Spurs fan, fitness enthusiast, and fisherman, took his own life after being the target of bullying at his school. Sadly, David's story is not an isolated one. With the proliferation of social media, bullies have become emboldened in their actions to shame the targets of their victims. The nature of this new technology makes it difficult to find a clear path of legal recourse for those affected by bullying. As a result, Texas Senator Jose Menendez introduced SB179 and a bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced the companion HB305. Known as "David's Law," the aim is to fight back against student harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying, by giving those affected a channel for reporting such incidents.

I respectfully ask the Mayor and my colleagues on the City Council to pass an official resolution showing our solidarity with and support of this legislation so that San Antonio will join cities around Texas in proclaiming our city an anti-bullying community. This resolution aims to boost the efforts of our legislators in Austin as well as encourage other cities to join together in giving a stronger voice to the victims of bullying.



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Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Cris Medina, District 7

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