



# **Amendment to Lease Agreements with the San Antonio Zoo and the Witte Museum**



**City Council  
September 21, 2017  
Parks and Recreation Department**

# Background San Antonio Zoo



Top tier destination, attracting over one million guests annually

Completed over \$5 million in animal habitat improvements since 2014

SA Residents Discounts: provides admission discounts to San Antonio residents

- Located in Brackenridge Park; no lease fee associated
- Responsible for all Operations, Maintenance and Improvements
- COSA FY 2017 Direct Financial Assistance
  - Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund: \$306,500 to support marketing and public affairs
  - City provides up to 375 acre feet of water, approximately \$400,000

# Background Witte Museum



Top tier destination, attracting 600,000 visitors annually including 250,000 school children

Completed 174,000 square feet of renovations and new space in 2017

Free admission on Tuesdays

- Located in Brackenridge Park; no lease fee associated
- Responsible for all Operations, Maintenance and Improvements
- COSA FY 2017 Direct Financial Assistance
  - Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund: \$567,000 to support public museum

# Lease Amendments

- Current Agreement: 20% fee increase during a three (3) year period
- Proposed Amendment: 18% fee increase during a two (2) year period which requires department approval
- Fee increases above this amount require City Council approval
- New Admission Fee Structure for the Zoo Effective October 1, 2017
  - Adult from \$14.25 to \$15.50
  - Child from \$11.25 to \$12.25



# RECOMMENDATION

SAN ANTONIO  
ZOO



THE  
WITTE  
MUSEUM



Staff recommends approval