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MILITARY PROTECTION

In preparation for a possible Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) during the next several years, the City supports actions that will increase Joint Base San Antonio's military value by promoting the strategic importance of its current, unique military missions that are indispensable to national defense, highlight San Antonio's military-friendly atmosphere and superb training environment and facilities, and place San Antonio in the best possible position to absorb additional military missions from other military installations – all with the intent of furthering San Antonio's and the country's economic and national security interests.

Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) is comprised of four primary locations in the San Antonio region and is home to several high-priority missions. These include the 24th Air Force "Cyber Command," basic training for all enlisted Air Force personnel, the Medical Education and Training Campus, and instructor pilot and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) training. San Antonio's military supports 266 military service mission partners, more than 80,000 personnel, and the region is home to more than 250,000 veterans.



NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

The City supports the modernization and improvement of NAFTA to ensure it continues to strengthen the local and regional economy.

Analysis shows that NAFTA has had a sizeable positive economic impact on the San Antonio economy since its inception. A recent study on the economic impacts of NAFTA showed a total number of local direct jobs created because of the agreement totaled 63,204. The increase in trade due to NAFTA added \$10.6 billion in gross regional product and \$20.5 billion in output across the San Antonio economy. However, many issues did not exist or were not critical when the agreement was signed, such as Internet commerce and Mexico's energy reform, which need to be addressed in the agreement.



ANTI-TRAFFICKING

The City supports programs and funding for anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling programs.

San Antonio is committed to eliminating human trafficking and human smuggling, supporting the victims of these criminal enterprises, and educating the community on the identification and appropriate response to suspected trafficking and smuggling. Federal support and coordination to combat human trafficking and smuggling is needed to effectively address the problem.



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

The City supports congressional action that enables undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to earn lawful status.

This country is a nation of immigrants and San Antonio is a compassionate City. Rescinding the DACA program weakens our nation's economy and violates our core values. The program has provided nearly 800,000 hardworking young immigrants with the opportunity to contribute to our economy and build their lives here without the constant threat of deportation. San Antonio joins cities across Texas and the U.S. to call on bipartisan leaders in Congress to allow DACA participants to receive lawful status and continue their contributions to the United States.