

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

**FOR ALAMO COLLEGES FOUNDATION'S APPLICATION TO JP
MORGAN CHASE *ADVANCINGCITIES* INITIATIVE TO CREATE
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY IN SAN ANTONIO.**

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WHEREAS, on September 12, 2018, JP Morgan Chase (Chase) launched *AdvancingCities*, a \$500 million initiative to create economic opportunities in cities; and

WHEREAS, Chase is offering up to \$3 million over three-years for nonprofit organizations to source and seed collaborative and sustainable solutions that help drive inclusive growth in up to thirty (30) communities to support collaborative and sustainable solutions that address cross cutting challenges and help benefit people at risk of being left out from a growing economy; and

WHEREAS, the attainment of a college degree is a social and economic issue impacting poverty, equity, and future opportunity; and access to affordable higher education for all students is imperative as education impacts individual earnings five times more than any other demographic factor; and

WHEREAS, educational attainment levels, labor market outcomes of the area, and access to affordable higher education present key areas for alignment across government, philanthropy, higher education, school districts, college access networks, and advocacy partners; and

WHEREAS, the Alamo Colleges Foundation, in partnership with SA Works, P16 Plus Council of Bexar County, Family Service, San Antonio Education Partnership, and local Independent School Districts, is addressing college affordability in Bexar County by introducing Alamo Promise, a scholarship that will ensure students receive free tuition at any college within the Alamo Colleges District (ACD); and

WHEREAS, Alamo Promise will provide funding to pay the full cost of tuition for up to three years or 60 credit hours within the ACD and will provide job placement assistance to approximately 22,500 graduates from limited-income high schools throughout San Antonio and Bexar County; and

WHEREAS, Alamo Promise will also provide participating students support from a College Access Coach and College Success & Career Coach beginning at the end of their senior year in high school through college completion; and

WHEREAS, the Alamo Colleges Foundation, City of San Antonio, and other partners listed above are aligned and working collaboratively to address the educational attainment levels in the region in order to make higher education available to everyone and foster an educated, diverse, and competitive workforce; and

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WHEREAS, Alamo Promise aligns with the goals in Forefront SA, San Antonio's five-year strategic plan for economic development, as well as the SA Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan's Jobs and Economic Competitiveness Goals and Policies to support initiatives that identify, prioritize, and support accountability to develop comprehensive workforce development strategies; and

WHEREAS, these workforce development strategies provide San Antonio's citizens access to training that connects them to gainful employment so that they can pursue clear, connected, and continuous career pathways; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio fully supports the Alamo Colleges Foundation's efforts to increase educational attainment levels that will fuel the economic vitality of the region by connecting more people to jobs with financially secure career pathways, resulting in economically vibrant neighborhoods; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby confirms its support of the Alamo Colleges Foundation and the submission of its proposal in response to JP Morgan Chase's *AdvancingCities* Challenge.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by eight (8) votes or more and upon ten (10) days following its passage if approved by fewer than eight (8) votes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney