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

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Roberto C. Treviño

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SUBJECT: Information data sharing

## **Issue Proposed for Consideration**

November 30, 2017

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 proposal to direct the City of San Antonio ITSD to begin the process of, and lead the effort in, creating a shared data program with all local area governmental entities (City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and Bexar County Appraisal District) and municipally owned utilities (SAWS and CPS). The goal of this program will be to ensure data accuracy across all user platforms and allow for the easy sharing of data between all the aforementioned users. Allowing all platforms to be updated uniformly would ensure up-to-date service, consistency, and efficiency in the work of our government officials. Throughout this process, data security and privacy issues must be considered and addressed in the collection, sharing, and storage of aggregated data. Best practices and new technologies (such as blockchain) should be used to future-proof this sharing of data.

## **Brief Background**

The collection of property and account holder data already happens with each independent governmental entity and municipally owned utility. Due to the number of entities collecting overlapping data, each cache of data exists in its own silo. By sharing data, account holders can be identified and automatically enrolled in (or solicited to participate in) beneficial programs – such as affordability programs and homestead and age-based exemptions to provide relief to those in need and who qualify. For example, if BCAD had access to property owner date of birth information, property owners could be auto-enrolled in the over 65 exemption once they turned 65 years old.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Roberto C. Treviño



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