

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING NONPARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the City of San Antonio holds independent, nonpartisan municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, during the 86th State Legislative Session which convened on January 9, legislation was filed that attempts to make local elections partisan; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio's State Legislative Program for the 86th Legislative Session, adopted by Mayor & City Council, seeks to protect community interests, supporting legislation that clearly benefits the City and opposing legislation that would be detrimental to City's interests, including bills that undermine the principles of self-government; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 3432 by Representative Sanford would require a candidate running for a City office to declare a party affiliation on their application to become a candidate; and

WHEREAS, the legislation also requires the affiliation for each candidate to be listed on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the provision of quality of life services by the City, such as health-related issues, public safety, parks, libraries, streets, and sidewalks are nonpartisan issues; and

WHEREAS, nonpartisan municipal elections foster an environment of collaboration and cooperation, encouraging members to work together on issues of concern for the community; and

WHEREAS, nonpartisan municipal elections also allow voters to focus on the local issues that are relevant to the provision of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, state legislation such as House Bill 3432 restricts the ability of municipalities to self-govern and maintain nonpartisan elections; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The City Council supports the continuation of nonpartisan municipal elections and opposes legislation such as House Bill 3432 that threatens the nature of nonpartisan municipal elections and daily operation of nonpartisan cities.

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

SECTION 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this *X* day of April, 2019.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney