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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Councilwoman Jada Andrews Sullivan, District 2  
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SUBJECT: No-Knock Warrants  
DATE: June 22, 2020

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

For the immediate documented discontinuation and banning of “No-Knock” warrants and procedures in the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Manual

Brief Background

The cities of Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Louisville; as well as Senator Rand Paul and Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo have taken the initiative to introduce law to ban and discontinue the use of “No-Knock” warrants. This is a tactic that can be used by Police Departments, in the narcotics division for example, to execute a warrant without announcing their presence or purpose.

This tactic cost Louisville resident Breonna Taylor her life in March 2020, when a no knock warrant was executed at the wrong address and officers entered her home. The Houston Police Department will largely end the practice of forcibly entering homes to search them without warning, after a deadly drug raid based on faulty information in January 2019 resulted in the deaths and injuries of two civilians and four officers.

Currently, under the San Antonio Police Department General Manual Section 503.07, unannounced warrants are allowed to be used. This practice needs to be discontinued and training at the police academy needs to be adjusted to reflect this change.

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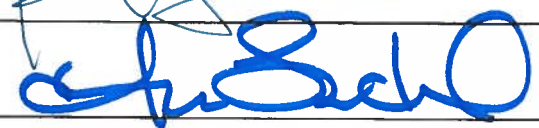
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