



District 2

AUGUST 2025
NEWSLETTER

CITY COUNCIL



DISTRICT TWO

Dear neighbor,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Councilmember for the past four years, and for placing your trust in our office for a four-year term. It is the privilege and honor of a lifetime to serve you, and our team cannot wait to continue building a brighter, stronger future for our community.

This has already been an exciting summer of change as we’ve sworn in a new Mayor and City Council. It’s been such a pleasure to meet with our new colleagues, discover our shared priorities, and discuss ways in which we can collaborate for the betterment of our city.

On a personal note, I am excited to share that my daughter was born last month. The transition to fatherhood is a thrilling and exciting time that I am embracing with care, taking in every moment, and looking forward to seeing how this evolution drives our fight for a better tomorrow.

Beginning August 1st, I will be taking an eight week parental leave of absence. It is a decision that did not come lightly or easily, but it is necessary for our family wellbeing. During this time, the City Council has appointed Leo Castillo-Anguiano as Interim Councilmember. Leo is a dedicated public servant with nearly a decade of experience in the public sector. He will work closely with our experienced D2 staff through October 1. Together, they will ensure the district remains represented and engaged in all city decisions and processes.

August will mark the beginning of our City’s budget season, our favorite time of year - where many resources for our community will be secured. Over the past four years, we’ve secured funding for new parks, community resources and programs, renovations for our beloved community spaces, record street improvements, traffic calming and street lighting, and access to amenities we’ve long needed.

This budget cycle represents the same opportunity, and our District 2 team looks forward to keeping you updated as budget season progresses. As we welcome a new Mayor and Council, we are laser-focused on tangible wins for our eastside and northeast neighbors.

As always, my staff is available and ready to serve you at our field offices. Please call or stop by to see our newly renovated Claude W Black field office.

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Jalen McKee-Rodriguez



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District 2 has amazing coffee places, here are some of the local options:

- Estate Coffee
- CommonWealth
- El Tigre Coffee Roasters
- The Newstand
- Amaretti Coffee

- Mila Coffee
- New Meadow Coffee
- PRESS Coffee
- Folklores Coffee House
- Berry to Bean

Meet Leo Castillo Anguiano, New D2 Interim

Leo is born and raised in San Antonio and has nearly a decade experience in public service. He is positioned well to serve District 2 as a queer justice community organizer and activist, whose work focuses on improving access to resources and health care for LGBTQIA+ folks, especially transgender-identifying Individuals. Leo's community experience includes advocacy on sexual health education, criminal justice reform, and reproductive justice issues. In 2021, he received The Pride Center's 'Rising Icon' award for his outstanding advocacy.

Leo currently serves as the Social Media & Marketing Manager for Thrive Youth Center, an LGBTQ+ shelter in Bexar County.

During his free time, Leo indulges in hiking with his dog, playing video games, and traveling with his partner. An interesting fact about Leo is his proficiency in playing the drums, piano, and guitar.

Meet and Greet with Leo!

Come visit our newly renovated office and meet your new Interim Councilman, Leo!

Tuesday, August 5
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Claude Black Field Office
2805 E Commerce St



Leo's temporary term starts August 1st and ends in October when Councilman McKee-Rodriguez returns from parental leave. During this time, he will serve in full capacity as the Councilmember and have every privilege and power a typical councilmember employs. He will vote on the budget and other items at our main sessions, represent on committees, attend events, and hear from you, our constituents.



Claude Black D2 Field Office is open!



After many months of design and renovation, we are excited to share that our Eastside field office at the Claude W. Black center is now open. The former space was cramped and had issues with mold, ventilation, and lack of space for private constituent conversations. The space now includes more private and operational spaces and a large conference room with modern furniture and a modern look. Our constituent services staff and interns are on-site ready to meet and speak with you!

Hours of Operation

EAST FIELD OFFICE
2805 E Commerce St
Monday – Thursady
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

NORTHEAST FIELD OFFICE
4351 Rittiman Rd
Tuesday – Friday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



2025 DISTRICT 2 ANNUAL

Back2School FEST

AT THE DOSEUM



Join District 2 for a **free backpack giveaway** to school-aged children in D2. Register as an attendee to secure your spot at this first-come, first-served event. Don't miss out on the fun! We'll have resources, games, and food for all registered participants.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 9

The DoSeum

2800 Broadway | 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Visit bit.ly/district2backtoschool



PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPPLIES ARE RESERVED FOR RESIDENTS LIVING WITHIN DISTRICT 2



GEORGE WASHINGTON **CARVER** BRANCH LIBRARY
95TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
10:30am - 12:30pm
3350 E. Commerce, 78220



official ceremony & free family-friendly activities



TENNIS CLINICS

Lessons taught by Coach Pablo Hours



FREE

Monday Evenings

August 18 - October 13

*No class September 1st for the Labor Day holiday.

McFarlin Tennis Center

1503 San Pedro Ave

20 spots per day
7 p.m. • Ages 8 & Up

No racquet, No problem • Racquets can be provided



Scan the QR Code to register online

Participants can register for multiple days



www.SA.Gov/Parks



Annual Back-to-School Jamboree

The Advisory Board, in partnership with District 2, H-E-B and the Dreambuilders of Texas Charitable Foundation, will host the annual Claude W. Black Back-to-School Jamboree at the Claude W. Black Community Center. A parent/guardian must accompany a school-aged child to receive a backpack with supplies. Supplies are limited.

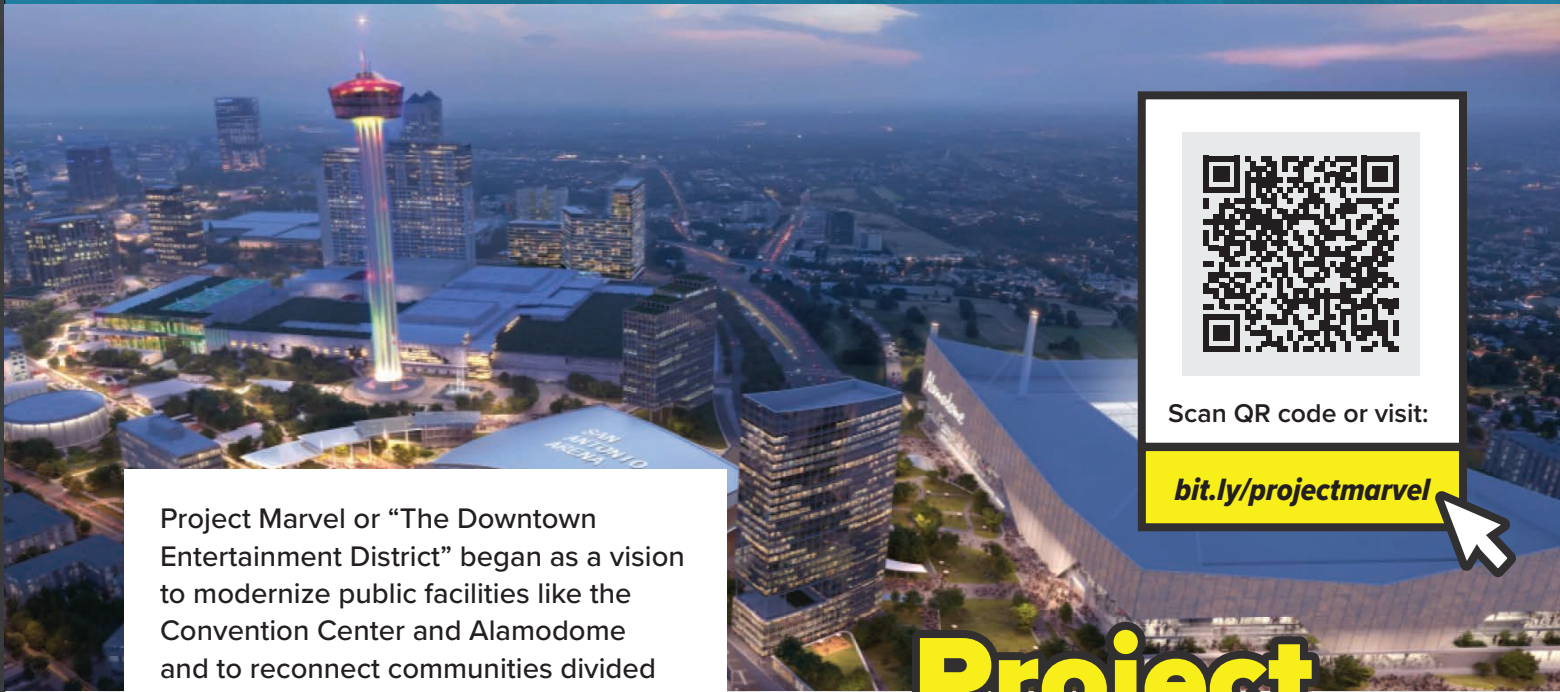
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Claude Black Multi Service Center

2805 E Commerce St





Project Marvel or “The Downtown Entertainment District” began as a vision to modernize public facilities like the Convention Center and Alamodome and to reconnect communities divided by past highway construction. As plans evolved to include a new downtown arena for the Spurs, concerns have grown, especially in District 2, which has long experienced disinvestment and broken promises.

Many residents now see this as more than just a development project; it’s about fairness, accountability, and ensuring communities that have given so much aren’t left with the consequences of broken promises. Questions remain about how this project could impact Eastside residents and what commitments will be made to repair past harm and prevent future displacement.

Public input is critical in shaping this proposal. We strongly encourage community members and neighbors to stay informed and involved.

A follow-up community meeting will be held to share updates, gather feedback, and discuss what real investment in District 2 should look like. Your voice matters! Please join us to learn more and help advocate for a project that serves all San Antonians.

Project Marvel

San Antonio Sports & Entertainment District

Did you know

The City of San Antonio has received a grant from the Biden Administration and the United States Department of Transportation to reconnect communities historically divided by highways. Many communities were segregated by the built environment and disconnected from economic centers like our downtown. This grant is proposed to be leveraged in Project Marvel to build a land bridge connecting the Alamodome over IH-37 to Hemisfair.

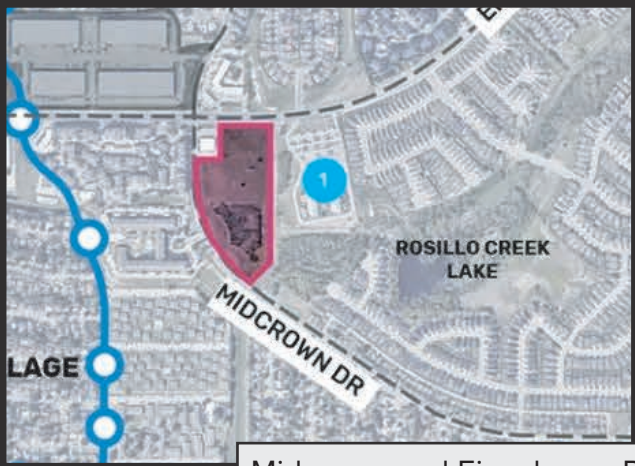
Midcrown and Eisenhower Site

Project Background & Goals

The San Antonio Housing Trust (SAHT) has acquired an 8.6-acre site located at the intersection of Midcrown Drive and Eisenhower Road. In partnership with Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, SAHT aims to transform the site into a community-serving development that may include:

- ◆ Affordable housing
- ◆ A senior center or other flexible community space
- ◆ Open green space

However, other programming ideas may surface through the engagement process.



Midcrown and Eisenhower Rd

Community Meeting #2

Join upcoming community meeting to learn more. Engage in the project development, review community survey results, and discuss the vision for this corner of District 2.

Tuesday, August 19
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wheatley Heights Sports Complex
200 Noblewood Dr



bit.ly/midcrownproject

Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget

Budget season is here!

During the month of July, our office will focus on reviewing City departmental data and resident feedback to prepare our District 2 budget priorities. This year, the City of San Antonio is facing a deficit of \$21 million due to a reduction in property tax revenue and an increase in costs for city services.

On June 27, 2025, the City Manager presented feedback from our citywide survey alongside options for tackling this \$21 Million deficit. The City conducted two surveys (an independent survey and a SA Speak Up Survey) to better assess feedback from all parts of San Antonio, including District 2. The top survey results citywide included Affordable Housing, Homeless Services and Clean-up, Public Safety, Streets/Infrastructure and Animal Care Services.

Our District 2 Council office will continue to advocate for a budget that prioritizes the needs of District 2 neighborhoods and residents, including health, public safety, green space and a high quality of life in our neighborhoods.

If you would like to share your perspective on these priorities, we will host a special District 2 Budget Townhall Discussion on August 21st at 6:30pm at the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex 200 Noblewood. You'll have an opportunity to receive the latest budget projections and ask questions and provide feedback. The City Council will then finalize the budget document and vote on the final FY 2026 city budget on Thursday, September 18, 2025.

Budget Town Hall

The City of San Antonio's budget sets the direction for services and resources delivered to our community. Join us and learn about the proposed budget and ask questions.

Thursday, August 21

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Wheatley Heights Sports Complex
200 Noblewood Dr

City Council Budget Work Sessions

At these sessions, City Staff will review the budget proposals with the Mayor and City Council in detail.

The meetings will be available to the public at AT&T channel 99, Grande channel 20, Spectrum channel 21, digital antenna 16, TVSA and City's Facebook page. Meetings can also be accessed by calling 210-207-1111 (English and Spanish options available).



Scan QR code or visit:

bit.ly/cosabudget2026

Carver Branch Library Bond Project Update

San Antonio Public Library Announces Interim Service Plans for Carver Branch Library!

During renovations at Carver Branch Library services will be available at the Denver Heights Community Center (300 Porter St., 78210). Interim service will begin August 11.

Parking is available curbside surrounding the Denver Heights Community Center.



Connect & Information Desk



bit.ly/carverbranch

Carver Closing Monday, August 11

Carver Branch Library is scheduled to close beginning August 11 for a transformative \$12.5 million renovation project. Visit the link above for more information about the Carver Branch Library renovation and interim service.



Open Stacks & Reading Areas

AVAILABLE INTERIM SERVICES

The interim site will offer:

- ◆ Holds pickup and returns
- ◆ Collection of books and materials
- ◆ Public computers
- ◆ Curbside pickup (upon request)

Please note: book return and Wi-Fi are only available inside the interim site.



View from East Parking

NEARBY LIBRARY SERVICES

McCreless Branch Library
1023 Ada St

Schaefer Branch Library
6322 US Hwy. 87 E

Tobin Branch Library
4134 Harry Wurzbach

Central Library
600 Soledad St

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HEALY MURPHY
ART PARK

OPENING SOON

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS. MORE INFO COMING SOON.