

# A NEW CHAPTER OF SERVICE: COUNCILWOMAN KAUR'S TERM 2 PROGRESS



**Council District 1**

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## A LETTER FROM YOUR COUNCILWOMAN

As we close out 2025, I'm proud to share the latest updates on our community's progress and the important work happening across District 1. From advocating for public safety improvements and supporting small businesses to strengthening the foundations of our neighborhoods, my second term in office continues to inspire me to build a stronger, more vibrant community for everyone.

Our office remains focused on key priorities, including:



Infrastructure



Parks and  
Community Centers



Small Business



Affordable Housing



Public Safety

To support this, I serve on the following official city council committees:



Educational  
Opportunities



Planning and Community  
Development



Public Safety  
(Chair)



Transportation and  
Infrastructure

In the pages ahead, you'll find updates on our ongoing efforts across District 1, along with a look at what's on the horizon in the months to come.

Let's move forward with positivity, growth, and togetherness in District 1!

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Sukh Kaur".

## SERVING DISTRICT 1 RESIDENTS, SERVING YOU

Our office remains committed to supporting our residents and encourages anyone with concerns to reach out, no matter the issue, so we can work with 311 and other City of San Antonio departments to find solutions. We address issues related to stray animals and pet overpopulation, rental assistance and homeless encampments, conduct site visits for infrastructure requests, and much more. Our team is always happy to assist residents across District 1 with their needs!

The chart shows how many residents received assistance from our office between July and October. Our Constituent Services team documented these cases, followed up with appropriate City departments and local organizations, and resolved these issues for our residents.

### Concerned Constituent Cases Completed (July-October 2025):



Infrastructure  
(Public Works)

251



Code Enforcement

145



Housing &  
Homelessness

88



Public Safety  
(ACS, SAPD, SAFD)

80

In addition to assisting with 311 cases, our dedicated staff can connect residents with a wide range of Bexar County programs and services, as well as resources offered by local nonprofits and community organizations. We're also proud to support eligible groups through City Council Project Funds (CCPF), which help promote community health and wellness. Our goal is simple: to ensure District 1 residents of all backgrounds have the support they need to live safe, healthy, and happy lives.

## OUR KAUR VALUES IN ACTION



### INFRASTRUCTURE

Our office values resident input in identifying needed infrastructure improvements to ensure these priorities are addressed.

We are currently working on a number of projects, either by securing funding or through collaboration with the City's Public Works Department (PWD).

These District 1-funded projects are **expected to begin by the end of the year.**

- In Tobin Hill, the existing "No Outlet" sign on Terry Court **will be upgraded to a flashing LED sign.** We are actively coordinating with PWD to secure the necessary materials, with installation anticipated by winter 2026.

- At the high-traffic intersection of Cincinnati Avenue and North Navidad Street, near the Cincinnati Avenue Trailhead, construction is set to begin on improvements to be completed in early 2026. Updates include a **new median, updated signage, and fresh pavement markings** to increase pedestrian safety and improve driver awareness. We are still working on adding a protected bike lane as well.
- The Josephine Tobin Drive sidewalks, along the southern edge of Woodlawn Lake, will be reconstructed starting in early December to **enhance pedestrian use while complying with ADA accessibility standards**. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

Several projects are already underway, and we encourage residents to **stay aware of potential impacts on travel times**.

- We are addressing infrastructure concerns in school zones to **increase pedestrian safety and improve traffic flow during school drop-off and pick-up hours**. This includes funding upgraded flashing signs near Ben Franklin Elementary and Fox Tech High School, as well as reviewing school zone designations with Public Works for St. Anthony Middle School.
- Additionally, our office is exploring **extended school zone classifications** for West Josephine Street near Hawthorne Middle School and Jackson Keller Road near LEE High School.
- At Towne & Country Optimist Little League, located at McCullough and Basse, the fields are receiving major power service upgrades. The project **will include improved lighting** on two fields and the installation of a **new wood-post and cable barrier**. Some work has already been completed, providing benefits to community members of all ages.

Our collaboration with Public Works has delivered several improvements across the district **completed during my second term in office**.



A block away from Fredericksburg Road, residents along Parkmoor Court now have updated curbs and driveways.

- The Lavaca Neighborhood Association raised pavement concerns for South St. Mary's to South Presa. In response, we **secured repairs in this area**, including work on Biering and West Carolina.
- In 2025, we successfully advocated for the addition of **19 streetlights across the district**, including in Five Points, Shearer Hills Ridgeview, Tobin Hill, Lavaca, and Beacon Hill. We are in discussions to bring streetlights to specific locations in Kenwood, Dellview, Alta Vista, Greater Harmony Hills, and other areas in District 1.

- Keystone has seen improvements following adjustments to **curbs, driveways, and walkways** on Parkmoor Court between Beal Street and Brad Street. We're proud to bring this win to such a small but important street in the neighborhood!
- Residents are seeing safer streets thanks to **upgraded flashing LED stop signs** at key intersections throughout the district. Improvements have been completed at Avenue B and E. Jones Street, Melbourne up to Lee Hall, Carolina and Staffel, and Stonehaven and Tioga. These upgrades help keep both drivers and pedestrians alert and protected.



We're happy to help the Maverick Elementary community address safety concerns by installing a street wide fence at the dead end of Laddie Place.

- After receiving numerous safety concerns along Raleigh Place near Maverick Elementary, our office worked with PWD to convert it to one-way full-time with new signage and pavement restriping to redirect vehicles. We've also met with SAFFE officers in our neighborhoods to improve traffic flow and **ensure student safety near District 1 schools**. As the project continues, a raised concrete median will be installed near Maverick Elementary to further enhance safety for students and drivers alike.

Our office received **more than 150 infrastructure improvement requests** this year, the majority related to signage, streets, and sidewalks. We have completed more than 30 of these projects and most of the remaining requests are currently in progress through our ongoing partnership with Public Works.

These projects take time, but every request brings us closer to a safer, more accessible District 1. If you'd like to check whether a concern in your neighborhood is on our radar, don't hesitate to reach out, we're here to help!

## PUBLIC SAFETY

This new term is not only an exciting opportunity to continue representing and serving District 1, but also to serve as chair of the Public Safety Committee.

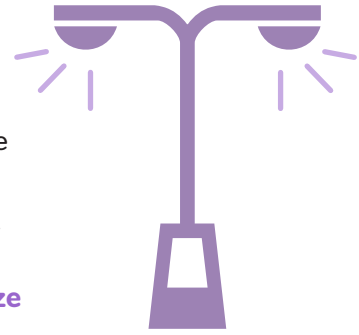


- I recognize that public safety often **overlaps with issues such as infrastructure, housing, and homelessness**.
- As chair, I will push the committee to go beyond reporting data, **analyzing trends to better understand** why issues are occurring and how to address their root causes.
- At the mayor's request, we created two subcommittees to focus on **Elder Abuse and Interpersonal Violence**, issues that impact a lot of residents.
- I look forward to working with Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, and Spears to ensure residents feel safe, **no matter which district they call home**.

Earlier this year, our office submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) titled Enhanced Response for Quality-of-Life Concerns, aimed at shortening public safety response times and enhancing quality of life for all residents.

- This initiative would utilize **retired officers or trained civilians to handle non-emergency issues**, freeing up uniformed officers to focus on urgent calls and critical situations.
- The CCR was reviewed by the Public Safety Committee in November and will return to the committee with **updates in early 2026**.

More streetlights are coming to neighborhoods across San Antonio, thanks to a major achievement during the Fiscal Year 2026 budget discussions.



- Residents' public safety concerns were central to these discussions, making the call for additional streetlights especially important. I advocated for allocating **an additional \$3 million from the Community Safety Fund** to support this effort.
- With pedestrian and bicyclist safety in mind, I emphasized the need to **prioritize routes near schools** and transportation stops to help protect our communities and our most vulnerable travelers.
- I'm grateful for the support of my council colleagues. Together we approved the FY 2026 budget that includes a **dedicated \$5 million to address streetlight gaps, focusing on areas where new lighting is most needed.**

The City is taking strategic, data-driven steps to reduce violent crime by implementing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

- CPTED reviews existing neighborhoods to **identify crime patterns and opportunities** to enhance quality of life. As part of this work, the City will add targeted infrastructure in areas that tend to attract crime, helping discourage harmful activities.
- Key strategies include **improving natural surveillance** to increase visibility, maintaining public spaces to build community pride, and creating active areas that encourage positive use of shared spaces.
- As a part of the violent crime prevention plan, the City is **targeting crime hotspots** with CPTED recommendations, and at the direction of the Public Safety Committee, will be looking at broader CPTED recommendations for the City.



## HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

We celebrated a major victory for affordable housing during the November 6 City Council meeting with the approval of updates to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Resolution policy.

- To ensure stronger, higher-quality proposals, I introduced an amendment raising the threshold for a Resolution of Support from 75 to 80 points. This higher bar is a key step toward **ensuring that affordable housing aligns with our community priorities.**
- The revised scoring rubrics place a stronger **emphasis on community benefits**, including deeper affordability, expanded resident services, and improved access to essential resources.
- The updates also provide additional points for high-quality Pre-K and Ready to Work programs, as well as for **projects that enhance transportation accessibility** for residents.



As Hemisfair continues to grow, I remain committed to prioritizing affordable housing near the upcoming Spurs arena and development, specifically on a vacant lot along South Alamo street just north of the Magik Theatre.



The Magik Theatre is one of multiple amenities and attractions within Hemisfair. The Sports and Entertainment District will offer a robust downtown experience for future residents!

- I'm working with city staff and Hemisfair leadership to solicit proposals for **lower-priced units within walking distance of the Sports and Entertainment District**.
- My goal is to support inclusive housing that allows **residents of all incomes to live downtown** and enjoy the benefits of our growing city center.
- As a member of the San Antonio Housing Trust, I will **continue to advocate for efficient, family-friendly, and workforce housing** in downtown neighborhoods. We recently announced a hotel to housing conversion on Bonham Street that will be within walking distance to the Alamo and Hemisfair!



## SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Our inaugural Summer Sound Series was a resounding success, benefiting District 1 community members of all backgrounds. The program supported small businesses, showcased local musicians, and brought communities together through 23 live performances across the district.

- Designed to help small businesses during the slower summer season, the **initiative boosted foot traffic and revenue**. Business owners reported gaining new customers and experiencing a stronger sense of community.
- Musicians were **hired through the Department of Arts & Culture's Artist Registry**, providing opportunities to reach new audiences and expand their performance opportunities.

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- Survey results showed that over **90% of participating artists and business owners** are interested in joining the program again. We look forward to the 2026 program and invite business owners and musicians to participate!

This holiday season, our Shop Small Holiday Guide invites you to make a meaningful impact by supporting the small businesses that bring heart and character to District 1. Celebrate the season with purpose: shop small and support local.



Scentchips is just one of many small businesses in La Villita to support our local economy.

- We've highlighted a variety of spots where you can **find a gift for everyone on your list**. From art and clothing to plants and pet supplies, you can check off your holiday shopping right here in District 1.
- Every purchase **helps sustain neighborhood entrepreneurs and strengthens our local economy**. Thank you for choosing to shop small!

Scan to view our Shop Small Holiday Guide here!

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Over the past few months, we've been working closely with small business owners in Southtown, Hemisfair, and La Villita to help maintain customer traffic amid ongoing construction.

- PWD projects have caused some disruptions, and our office is collaborating with the department to **provide signage and other marketing materials** to support local businesses.
- Through these conversations, we've developed **support measures for restaurants, bars, shops, and studios** in the area. This includes pedestrian wayfinding signs, shopping mall-style maps and keys, directions to parking, construction scims featuring photos and logos, and other materials suggested by stakeholders.

**We encourage you to support local: shop, dine, and explore these businesses!**  
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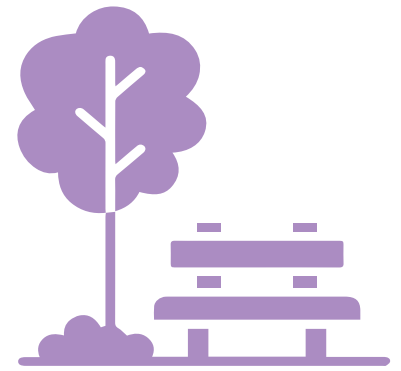


It was great to meet Alejandro and Sarah at Sifuentes Metalsmith in La Villita. Their custom crafts are handmade from beginning to end!

## PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES

Community members have come together to form a conservancy committee for San Pedro Springs Park, a historic gem not just for District 1, but for all of San Antonio.

- The group is establishing bylaws, setting project goals, and forming subcommittees **focused on legal matters and design improvements**, building a strong foundation for long-term stewardship.



- Our office will continue to collaborate with the conservancy, serving as a bridge between the City and these passionate community members to **ensure the park thrives for generations to come**.

The Kenwood neighborhood will be made even stronger with major improvements planned for the community center at Kenwood Park.

- Construction is **expected to begin this spring** with a projected opening date in 2027.
- Community members and visitors alike can look forward to **public art as part of the renovation**. The Public Art Committee approved the installation of a suspended artwork in the lobby of the community center.
- The project is made possible through the City's Public Art Process, which **emphasizes community engagement** throughout the design process.
- When the center reopens, residents will benefit from enhanced services made possible by the **\$6 million project approved in the FY 2024 budget**.

Improvements to Maverick Park are moving forward as part of the 2022–2027 Bond Program, which allocates \$600,000 to the site in collaboration with the City's Historic and Design Review Commission (HDRC).

- The proposed updates include **modifications to the pavilion** that will alter the elevation and facade with HDRC approval.
- These changes include cleaning and restoration of the historical aesthetic to improve the overall look of the pavilion. These **changes focus on cleaning and restoring historic features** to enhance the pavilion's overall appearance. Additional improvements include tree maintenance, upgraded lighting and bleacher seating, sidewalk renovations, a new nature-play area, and enhancements to the dog park, such as added shade structures and improved fencing. If additional funding is available, there is also potential for a pickleball area!
- Our office advocated for a **stronger community engagement plan** to guide these upgrades with bond dollars.
- Coordinated efforts between the HDRC and PWD will ensure that Maverick Park continues to **meet the needs of current users while preserving its historic character**.



## CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

Our second term in office has kept us busy between hosting our District 1 events and supporting our neighborhood associations, nonprofits, and community organizations. Here's recap of what we've been up to.

### COMING TOGETHER FOR SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS TOGETHER (SANT)

Our office had a blast spending time in the community at SANT events hosted by neighborhood associations and organizations, some of which were **supported by the \$1,600 funding** we provided! More than a dozen events offered fun for residents of all ages, from shared meals for small groups to refreshments and activities for the whole family. It was wonderful to see neighbors reconnecting – or meeting for the first time! Our community shines brightest when we support one another, share a smile, and celebrate the unique people who make our neighborhoods feel like home.



Students started the year off strong after a pep talk from the Spurs Coyote at District 1's Back to School Bash!

### SUPPORTING STUDENTS AT THE D1 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

We hosted another successful Back to School Bash alongside Texas state Rep. Diego Bernal, Bexar County Precinct 2 Justin Rodriguez, and Senator José Menéndez! Thanks to the generous support of more than 60 sponsors, including Methodist Healthcare, Frost, and Humana, we provided free backpacks, school supplies, and family resources to **help nearly 500 students start the school year strong**. The kids were especially thrilled to meet H-E-Buddy, Rowdy the Roadrunner, Ballapeño, and the Spurs Coyote!

### WISHING SAN PEDRO LIBRARY A 95TH BIRTHDAY

The history of San Pedro Springs is truly remarkable, and the San Pedro Library continues to play an important role in our community. Library staff hosted a wonderful celebration marking the branch's 95th anniversary, complete with themed games and activities. They also welcomed members of the Ayers family, relatives of the father-son duo behind the library's beautiful Spanish-style architecture. It was an honor to be part of such a meaningful milestone!



Families got to enjoy interactive activities inspired by the 1930s when the historic library first opened.

## GIVING THANKS TO OUR SENIORS

This year's Senior Turkey Dinner was a heartwarming success, bringing together community members for an evening filled with delicious food and lively entertainment. Guests enjoyed a traditional turkey meal with all the fixings, served by our wonderful volunteers, whom we're so thankful for. Highlights of the evening included watching our senior neighbors get excited over donated raffle prizes and have fun striking poses in the photo booth!



## COOK WITH SUKH

I'm excited to share some of my go-to recipes with you this holiday season! Sides are the best, so please enjoy one of my favorites.

### HEALTHY CRANBERRY SAUCE

Course: Side • Servings: 2 Cups • Prep Time: 12 minutes

#### INGREDIENTS

12 ounces fresh cranberries (frozen works too)

1/4 cup maple syrup

1/2 cup orange juice (1 large orange if freshly-squeezed)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Optional: 1/2 teaspoon orange zest, 1 cinnamon stick, 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, chopped pecans, blueberries

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine all the ingredients in a medium pot and heat over medium-high until the mixture reaches a gentle boil.
2. Once boiling, lower the heat to medium and let it simmer for 6-8 minutes.
3. Stir occasionally to avoid scorching. Mixture will start to thicken and cranberries will burst on their own.
4. For a smoother texture, mash remaining cranberries with a fork. Allow the mixture to cool before serving. Enjoy this side for up to a week!

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR DISTRICT 1?




As your councilwoman, I'm committed to building on the progress we've made in District 1 and advancing initiatives that strengthen our neighborhoods, enhance public safety, and support families and small businesses.

Heading into the new year, there are key items I will advocate for and keep you informed about.

- We are going to continue working on the Missing Middle Development Incentive Pilot Program. This program encourages development of vacant lots and rundown homes through incentives and programs to address the city's housing crisis. Discussions will continue in front of committees and eventually City Council, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to bring affordable and accessible housing options to residents.
- Progress in the VIA Green Line project continues, with SAWS and CPS beginning work in the coming weeks along San Pedro. As our office receives updates from these partners, we'll share the latest information on social media and through our e-blasts.
- Our office receives a large number of calls related to Animal Care Services (ACS), and we remain committed to supporting the department's needs. ACS is currently in need of additional staff to effectively carry out its mission. Several positions, including veterinary technicians and staff veterinarians, are now open. Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply!
- Lastly, we are piloting a program to enhance safe passageway to schools. We will be working with several schools in District 1 to develop infrastructure solutions that will support pedestrian and bike safety.

Our office remains dedicated to serving District 1 and maintaining an open line of communication with residents, ensuring your voices and needs are considered in every decision we make. We'll continue listening to your concerns, collaborating with community partners, and bringing forward solutions that make our district an even better place to live, work, and thrive.





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