



District 2

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NEWSLETTER

CITY COUNCIL



DISTRICT TWO

Dear neighbor,

What a year it has been for District 2. As we welcome 2026, there is so much to reflect on, celebrate, and look forward to. Across every corner of our community, neighbors showed up with ideas, concerns, and a shared determination to make this district stronger. This past year highlighted just how much can happen when people work together with purpose.

From the new artwork above the N. New Braunfels Bridge, to expanded fire-safety outreach, to the anniversary of the District 2 Senior Center, the year was full of moments that reminded us what community care can look like in action. Towne Twin Village opened its expanded campus, the first City-owned Spay and Neuter Clinic on the Eastside began serving families, and the Pride Cultural Heritage District was officially recognized. Each milestone represents not just a project completed, but a promise kept to residents who have waited, advocated, and pushed for change.

There were also meaningful conversations about the future, like the planning sessions for a new community center on Midcrown and Eisenhower, the development of a state-of-the-art senior center on Lord Road, and months of budget meetings where neighbors made clear what resources and improvements matter most.

And on a personal note, this year brought one of the greatest joys imaginable: becoming a father. Welcoming a daughter

has reshaped the way I see this role, deepening the sense of responsibility and urgency behind every decision. When thinking about the future of District 2, the work feels even more immediate, because the community we build today is the one she, and all our children, will inherit.

As we head into the new year, with new committee assignments and strengthened collaboration across city departments, our District 2 team is focused on securing more wins for families, supporting seniors, investing in infrastructure and mobility, expanding housing access, and addressing long-standing gaps in services like animal care. The goal is simple: ensure every neighborhood in District 2 receives the attention, investment, and respect it has long deserved.

If you ever need anything, including a friendly voice, please reach out to our office or stop by the Claude W. Black field office.



Jalen McKee-Rodriguez

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Spot these committee words in the puzzle then head to Page 8 to learn more about some of these committee assignments.	Transportation Housing Trust Economic Dev Governance Municipal Court	Visit San Antonio Educational Public Safety Infrastructure TIRZ
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DISTRICT 2 IN THE NEWS



Animal Care Services to unveil new spay and neuter clinic on East Side

Earlier this year, the City of San Antonio opened a first of its kind city owned spay and neuter satellite clinic in the heart of Denver Heights. Animal Care Services (ACS) expects to perform between 7,000 and 8,000 low cost and free surgeries each year out of this location, with nearly all surgeries expected to benefit the Eastside. Initially approved in the FY 2024

budget, and spearheaded by Councilman McKee-Rodriguez, the opening of this clinic is a milestone for closing the gap between the services ACS provides, and the Eastside community. Although this marks a significant step forward in the effort to mitigate the animal care crisis, there is still much more work and education that needs to be done.

San Antonio to consider building new ACS campus in budget discussions

We filed a Council Consideration Request in partnership with City Council District 3 and 10 to explore an additional Animal Care Service Campus. Currently there is only one campus located in the far westside, which makes it challenging for residents in the east, south and north sides of the city.

ACS officers face mounting challenges, and a significant one is travel time to and from the campus. A second campus could allow for quicker response times, more adoptions, more shelter capacity for stray and roaming animals, more opportunities for spay and neuter procedures, and expand operational activities.

The CCR directs the consideration of funding from the Inner City TIRZ for feasibility studies, land acquisition and initial design, then for consideration in the 2027 Bond Program for full funding of building and operations.



Colorful new art honoring MLK welcome residents to the East Side

In honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we celebrated new artwork installation at the N. New Braunfels Bridge. We were honored to feature amazing artists Sonya Castro and Kat Cadena whose art pieces will continue to beautify the eastside for years to come.

City Council moves to protect renters to water shutoffs due to landlord nonpayment

Our collaborative work with Councilmember Marina Alderete Gavito highlighted the need to protected residents from the ongoing practice of San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS) shutting off water to apartment complexes that are overdue on their SAWS payments. We proposed a CCR that would penalizing the landlord when they fail to continuously pay these bills by augmenting the Proactive Apartment Inspection Program. Their goal is to hold the landlord accountable and not affect the availability of water for their tenants.

January



The District 2 office unveiled the new art work above the N. New Braunfels Bridge. The old art, initially installed in 1997, will be displaced at the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum.

February



The District 2 office, in partnership with Fire Safe SA, hosted an event that provided community fire education, and free carbon monoxide and smoke alarm detectors.

March



Councilman McKee-Rodriguez attends and gives the welcome for the 14th Anniversary of the District 2 Senior Center.

April



Town Twin Village, the city's only permanent supportive housing for seniors, officially opened their expanded campus in April of this year.

August



Interim District 2 Councilman Leo Castillo-Anguiano officially begins his tenure as Councilman McKee-Rodriguez takes parental leave for a period of two months.

July



The Northeast community of District 2 gives input on the development of a future community center located along Midcrown and Eisenhower.

June



The City of San Antonio Celebrates the Declaration of the Pride Cultural Heritage District located on the St. Mary's Strip.

May



The community celebrates the opening of the first and only city owned Spay and Neuter Clinic on the Eastside of San Antonio

September



The San Antonio City Council discusses and votes to adopt the FY 2026 Budget after a Summer of town halls and community discussions.

October



We hosted our annual Last Twosday community event and shared resources in collaboration with our community partners and of course lots of candy!

November



The District 2 staff hosts our annual Thanksgiving Turkey drive where we serviced over 250 families in the district.

December



Residents gather to discuss the Copernicus Park Master Plan. The plan includes senior housing, improvements to the park, and a new senior center.

Committees

As a senior council member, Councilman McKee-Rodriguez has been appointed to chair the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Municipal Court Advisory Committee. Council Committees are the City Council’s main way of addressing policy, receiving issue briefings, and ultimately guiding decisions made by the City of San Antonio. The Mayor appoints the chair of each committee, and all of the members who will serve on the committee.

Transportation and Infrastructure: review programs designed to enhance connectivity and mobility, including, but not limited to Public Works Capital Improvements, VIA Transit, and Multi-modal transportation.

Municipal Court Advisory: recommends judicial nominations for the Municipal Court and addresses the City’s collaboration with the County on the Magistration system.



Did you know?

Committees consist of 3-5 council members, careful not to achieve a quorum of members so as not to run afoul of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Additionally, District 2 has been appointed to serve on the following committees:

- ◆ Governance
- ◆ Public Safety
- ◆ Educational Opportunities
- ◆ Tax Increment Refinance Zone #11 (Chair)
- ◆ San Antonio Economic Development Corporation
- ◆ Fire and Police Pension Fund
- ◆ Fire and Police Pre-Funded Healthcare Fund
- ◆ Alamo Area Municipal Planning Organization
- ◆ San Antonio Housing Trust
- ◆ Visit San Antonio Board of Directors

City Council Consideration Requests



CCR stands for **Council Consideration Request** and is the primary tool a Councilmember has to push policy forward. Since assuming office, Councilman McKee-Rodriguez has filed XX number of CCRs. A CCR requires a total of five signatures to be filed with the City Clerk’s Office.

Typically, the next step is for the CCR to be heard at the Governance Committee within 60 days of filing, then referred to one of the standing Council Committees, and then to the full City Council at an A Session to be voted on and implemented.

Improving Outcomes for our Houseless Community
Governance 11/7/2025

Filed by Interim Councilman Leo Castillo-Anguiano, this policy proposes a no-barrier shelter, a Day Labor Program for houseless individuals and assess the cost effectiveness of current city expenditures on homeless services.

Designation of Tuskegee Airmen Way
Governance: 10/15/2025

Filed in collaboration with the San Antonio Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., this CCR would designate Iowa Street between Cherry Street and S. Palmetto St. as “Tuskegee Airmen Way.”

Tracking and Preventing Heat Deaths
Governance: 10/15/2025

Written with District 5, this CCR requests collaborative effort between the County, Metro Health, and local hospitals to track heat-related deaths for better data collection that would inform policies and investments.

Animal Care Services Additional Campus
Governance: 4/16/2025

This CCR proposes city staff to explore the cost and design for a new full-service ACS campus to serve the eastern sector of town. Currently, the only ACS campus is on the far west side of town and causes lack of access and timely service to those on the eastern sector. District 3 and 10 co-wrote this CCR in support.

Vacant Property Revitalization Program
Governance: 4/16/2025

This CCR proposes an incentive and revitalization program to encourage the adaptive re-use of vacant industrial and commercial sites to provide pathways for repurposing these spaces into workforce housing, small business incubators, community facilities and green infrastructure.

Faith-Based Land for Community Benefit Initiative
Governance: 4/16/2025

This CCR proposes a taskforce to assist faith-based organizations who own surplus land and would like to develop their property in-line with the City’s goals for housing, food security, green space, public safety or other relevant programs.

San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD) Needs Assessment
Governance: 4/16/2025

This CCR proposes a data-driven approach to determine the investments needed to maintain and enhance the San Antonio Fire Department’s capacity to improve service delivery and provide for firefighter safety and public safety over the next two decades.

“DIVERSITY UNITES US:
LOVE LEADS US & ACTION
PROPELS US!”

Together, let’s
ensure that the
2026 San Antonio
MLK March and
Commemorative
Events are
impactful, inclusive,
and rooted in
Dr. King’s vision
for justice, unity,
and love.

2026 MLK EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Baptist Ministers Union Worship Service
Antioch Baptist Church
1001 N Walters St
7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Freedom Bike Ride Fundraiser
MLK Park - Southside Lions Park
Return to MLK Park
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MLK Youth Empowerment Summit
Eastside Boys and Girls Club
3503 Martin Luther King Dr
11:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Wreath Laying Ceremony
Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza
N New Braunfels Ave & E Houston St
2:00 PM

Interfaith Worship Service
Friendship Baptist Church
935 Iowa St
4:30 PM

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Veterans Coffee Social and Viewing Station
For community members with limited mobility
American Legion Fred Brock Post #828
3415 Martin Luther King Dr
7:30 – 9:30 AM

Pre-March Service
Martin Luther King Jr. Academy
3501 Martin Luther King Dr
8:00 AM

MLK March
Martin Luther King Jr. Academy
3501 Martin Luther King Dr
10:00 AM

Commemorative Program
Pittman Sullivan Park
1101 Iowa St
9:00 – 11:30 AM Early Morning Worship
12:00 – 1:30 PM Commemorative Program
1:30 – 3:30 PM Afternoon Celebration

MLK MARCH

The 2026 celebration will begin with the in-person march kickoff at 10 a.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, followed by the park celebration at Pittman-Sullivan Park. The park celebration will include:

- » a main stage with multicultural performances
- » a health and wellness area
- » a youth area
- » food and merchandise vendors
- » information booths

**NOTE: MARCH LINEUP
BEGINS AS EARLY AS 9 AM**

GET
INVOLVED!
SA.GOV/MLK

- » **March** in unity
- » **Volunteer** your time and energy
- » Host a **Vendor Booth** at Pittman-Sullivan Park
- » Serve as a **March Marshal** to help guide and protect our community



Scan QR code or visit
sa.gov/mlk for more info

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FREE Spay/Neuter Services

Services provided at the ACS offsite clinics are for **OWNED** pets only and not for feral / community cats.

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or visit ***saacs.info/snclinic***



SCAN ME!

ACS Clinic EAST
1608 S. New Braunfels Ste. 10
San Antonio, TX 78210
210-207-6720

