



District 2

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NEWSLETTER

CITY COUNCIL



DISTRICT TWO

Dear neighbor,

I hope your summer has been fruitful and you and your loved ones have found time to relax and reflect, enjoy the company of loved ones, and are staying safe. As temperatures rise, it's more important than ever that we look out for our neighbors, particularly those most vulnerable.

As Council begins our budget discussions for next year and we navigate an \$160M+ budget shortfall, the challenge before us is clear: ensure District 2 residents have access to the city programs and services we rely on most. Our district is a vibrant one, but we also have some of the greatest challenges in the city, including poor pavement conditions, higher rates of poor health outcomes and chronic health conditions, lack of access to green space and recreational places for residents of all ages, including parks, libraries, senior/community centers, and more. Because of our investment in these areas, District 2 is seeing a greater share of these resources than ever before. We can't afford to lose that momentum. In this issue of our newsletter, you'll learn more about the budget deficit and plans to address it.

In addition, the Mayor will soon announce the committee structure for the 2027 Bond. Through the 2022 Bond, the City was able to invest in numerous District 2 facilities, streets, drainage projects, parks and housing complexes. If you are a District 2 resident interested in serving on a Bond Committee or a standing City Board or Commission, keep an eye out for our nomination process. Your participation is a great way to ensure our community is engaged in every decision being made about our city!

Also in this edition of our District 2 Newsletter, you'll hear about our efforts to work with HEB to improve our local grocery stores. You'll also get a look into our *new* District 2 Senior Center Interior Design, an explanation of different street repair applications, and special interviews

with a few of our City employees. Of course, I hope you will also enjoy our cross word puzzle and a special D2 people search.

Lastly, I share concerns that many of you have expressed about the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention center being proposed in District 2. Together, we organized an effort with the San Antonio Chapter of Democratic Socialists of America to urge the owners of the warehouse, Oakmont Industrial Group, not to sell the property. Unfortunately, the deal closed and the City does not have the authority to block the purchase. The federal government does not have to abide by local permitting, zoning, processes or policy.

Fortunately, recent reports indicate the timeline has been delayed until the second quarter of FY 2027 and no contract has been awarded to operate the facility. I am asking all our residents to please keep up the pressure by calling your federal legislative officials to tell them your position on the ICE detention facility in District 2. In addition, please register to vote and then show up to vote! Early voting begins October 19 and will end on October 30, with Election Day being November 3, 2026. The officials elected in November will have an impact on the future of the ICE detention center.

As always, it is a privilege and honor to serve and represent you. If you need assistance from our team, please give my office a call or stop-by. We are here for you!

Yours in service,


Jalen McKee-Rodriguez



COMMUNITY CENTERS IN DISTRICT 2

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Can you find them all?

- 1. Copernicus
- 2. Denver Heights
- 3. Claude Black
- 4. Wheatley
- 5. Dawson
- 6. Ella Austin
- 7. Dorie Miller
- 8. Woodard
- 9. Lincoln
- 10. Davis Scott YMCA

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WHERE'S WALDO CHALLENGE!

Did you see a photo of yourself in this month's newsletter cover?

If so, please circle the photo and bring the copy into one of our field offices during operating hours for a special District 2 themed prize*!

East Field Office

2805 E Commerce St
Monday to Thursday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Northeast Field Office

4351 Rittiman Rd
Tuesday to Friday
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

* Limit one per photo/ person per prize. Challenge expires January 1, 2027.

Claude W. Black Community Center Staff Highlight

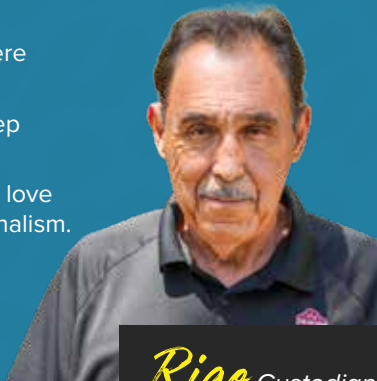
1. How long have you worked at Claude W. Black Center (CWB)? I've worked here for 10 years. 5 years part-time and 5 years full-time.

2. What do you do at CWB? I do general cleaning, building maintenance, and keep the property safe.

3. What is your favorite memory on the job? I don't have a favorite memory, but I love the people that work here, how they help in the community and their professionalism.

4. What is your favorite District 2 spot? My house.

5. What's your favorite hobby outside of work? I love doing maintenance/handyman work. I'm really into carpentry right now.



Rigo Custodian

1. How long have you worked at Claude W. Black Center (CWB)? A year and a half.

2. What do you do at CWB? I am the Homeless Outreach Supervisor meaning I oversee an outreach team, assist the outreach manager, and do case work for individual constituents.

3. What is your favorite memory on the job? The first client I had was an older gentleman, a veteran. We worked off the ground up with that case: finding identification, arranging housing, establishing mailbox services. He messaged me the other day and let me know that he's renewing his lease. It's a reminder how our hard work pays off.

4. What is your favorite District 2 spot? Pittman-Sullivan Park

5. What's your favorite hobby outside of work? I love reading and traveling.



Shameeka Homeless Outreach Supervisor

1. How long have you worked at Claude W. Black Center (CWB)? A year and a half.

2. What do you do at CWB? My official role is Financial Counselor, so I help D2 residents with debt repair, credit building, family financial planning, and more. I also assist with workforce development and helping adults go back to school.

3. What is your favorite memory on the job? When I started at Claude Black, I had a mother come meet with me and she brought her baby. The baby needed a diaper change but unfortunately, the mom didn't have any supplies one her. I asked some of the CWB Staff if they had anything to give her, and they didn't. But they went to the ends of the earth to find diapers and wipes for the baby so they could finish the meeting and get home safely. Everyone at CWB has always been very welcoming and lovely.

4. What is your favorite District 2 spot? I love hanging out in the CWB lobby with Mr. Harris.

5. What's your favorite hobby outside of work? Weight Training



Sarah Financial Counselor

Street Repair: Street Applications, and What They Mean

Prior to any work beginning on a street, it is important to assess a street's condition and determine the proper application. **Streets are graded on a scale of 0 to 100, and their grade is the primary factor that determines what type of work they will receive.** This grade scale is called the Pavement Condition Index (PCI). After receiving work, a street's PCI Score should go to 100 depending on the level of work applied.

WHAT ABOUT SIDEWALKS?

In Texas, sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain and install. The city will install and upgrade sidewalks in **very specific circumstances** (such as a total reconstruction). When funding becomes available sidewalks can be repaired, but existing funding compared to streets is limited and often already allocated. For residents seeking to improve the sidewalk in front of their home, the city offers a sidewalk rebate program where the city can cover up to 50% of the cost, provided certain criteria are met. For more info on the program, scan the QR code.



CRACK SEAL

It is a rubberized asphalt binder that seals cracks to prevent moisture infiltration. This is done so an A Street can remain an A Street for longer before needing to apply more serious applications later in its lifetime.

SLURRY SEAL MICRO-SURFACING

Slurry Seal uses a mixture of water, asphalt emulsion, and fine aggregates to create a textured, protective layer across the entire roadway, while Micro-surfacing applies a thin layer of polymer-modified material—ideal for high-traffic areas—to form a more durable, new wearing surface.

MILL & OVERLAY

Involves the milling (removal) and replacement of the top 2 inches of asphalt with limited amount of work to the underlying base structure.

MILL & OVERLAY WITH BASE REPAIR

Involves the milling (removal) and replacement of the top 2 inches of asphalt with moderate amount of work to the underlying base structure. Used to address small base deformities if necessary.

RECONSTRUCTION

Replacement of the street's base structure (may include sub-grade stabilization), new asphalt surface, as well as curbs and sidewalk improvements. The most expensive application.

EXCELLENT (Crack Seal/Fog Seal)	GOOD (Micro-Surfacing Slurry Seal)	FAIR (Mill & Overlay)	POOR (Mill & Overlay with Base Repair)	FAILED (Reconstruction & Reclamation)
GRADE = A PCI 100-86	GRADE = B PCI 85-71	GRADE = C PCI 70-61	GRADE = D PCI 60-41	GRADE = F PCI 40-0
				
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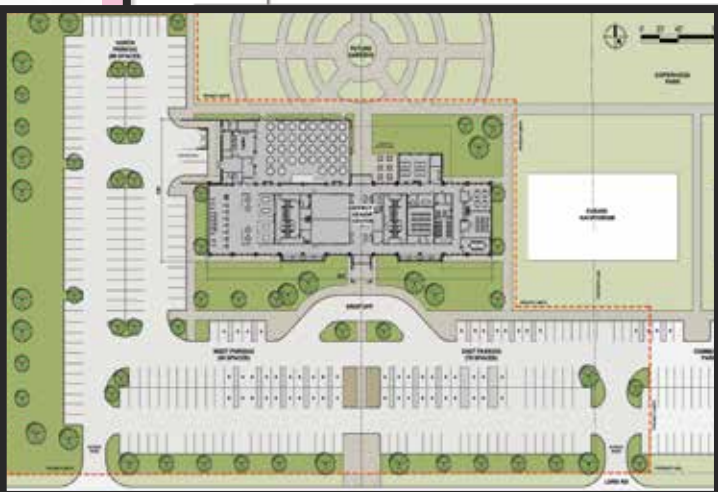
New Senior Center

Two years ago, the city allocated \$2 million for the design of the future District 2 Senior Center that will be located off of Lord Rd. After several public input sessions and community discussions, city staff has finalized the design and floor plan (Fig. 1).

The new senior center will be larger than the current rented facility. It will feature a larger parking lot and more space for fun activities. Inside the center we will have a much larger dining area with a small stage for performances and presentations. A larger gym area, dedicated game spaces, and two fitness studios will ensure our seniors have a variety of physical and mental activities to enjoy with their friends. The hallways also serve as a dedicated inside walking loop for seniors to get steps inside without disruption.

Over the years, our office has received calls from members advocating for the need for dedicated activity spaces in the center. Presently, staff have the difficult task of having to ration the limited available spaces to the different groups wanting to utilize them. In the new center, this issue will be addressed by having dedicated spaces for computer labs, movie viewing, arts and crafts, and several classroom spaces that can be rented for activities like Karaoke. The Center will also have more offices for support staff, caregivers, and case managers.

Exterior Floor Plan
Figure 1



The completion of the design will ensure the project is shovel-ready when funds are identified and approved by City Council. **The Councilman is aiming to have the center constructed and open by 2029.** “There’s always something to do in District 2” is the motto of our current Center , and this new facility will serve to expand what we can do!



How Much of a Deficit and Why?

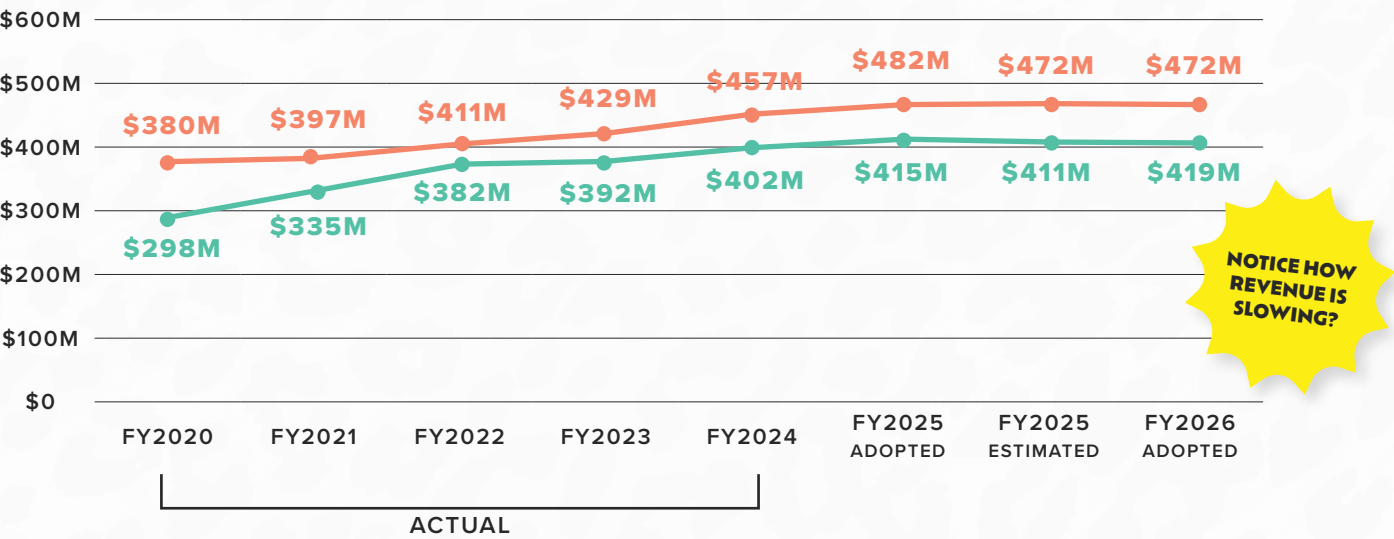
Many families are dealing with the increasing costs of groceries, gasoline, and utilities. The City of San Antonio is no different. The cost of providing services is going up, but as the city, we are not experiencing an equivalent increase in revenue.

Primarily, the city relies on 3 sources of revenue for its general fund:



Currently, we are seeing a slowing on property valuations citywide, leading to lower property tax revenue. Sales tax revenue is also growing more slowly.

HISTORICAL PROPERTY AND SALES TAX REVENUES



And yet, the price of providing city services - repairing streets, maintaining parks, picking up trash (including gasoline, supplies, and personnel costs), continues to increase.

As a result, we have a deficit.

The current city estimate puts the budget deficit at \$157.7 Million over the next two years. City council and city staff must now come up with a plan to cut costs and raise revenues to overcome this budget deficit.

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District 2 Budget Town Hall

If you are interested in learning what future changes are coming as we develop the Fiscal Year 2027 budget, please attend our District 2 Budget Town Hall.

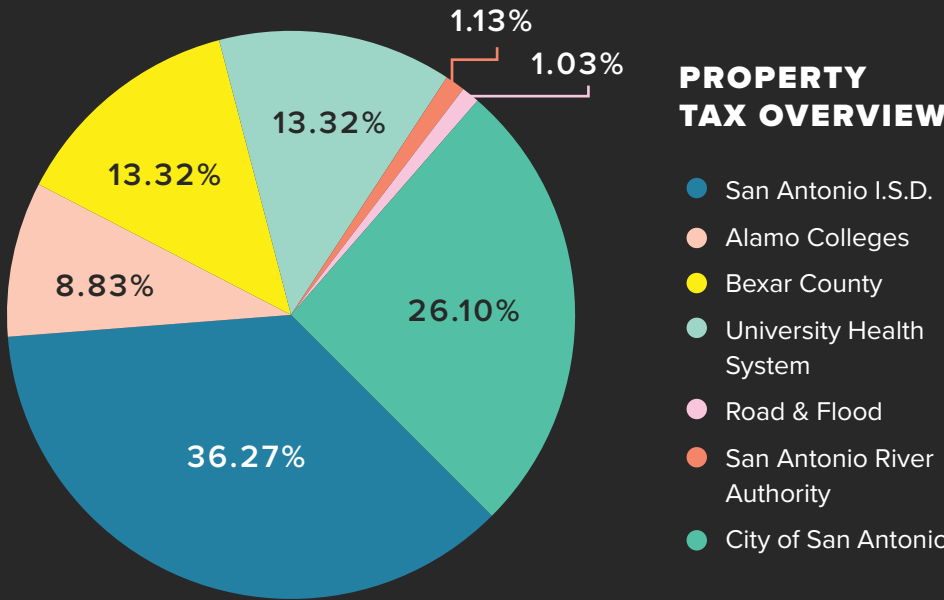
Monday, August 17 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Wheatley Heights Sports Complex
200 Noblewood Dr

Did you know?

Not all property tax goes to the City of San Antonio. Taxes are collected and used by various groups including:

- ◆ City of San Antonio,
- ◆ County Services,
- ◆ School Districts (ISD),
- ◆ County Hospitals,
- ◆ San Antonio River Authority,
- ◆ Community Colleges,
- ◆ and other



If you would like to see the budget calendar, the goal setting sessions and the work session please visit: www.sa.gov/Directory/Departments/OMB/Budget-Development or scan the QR code.



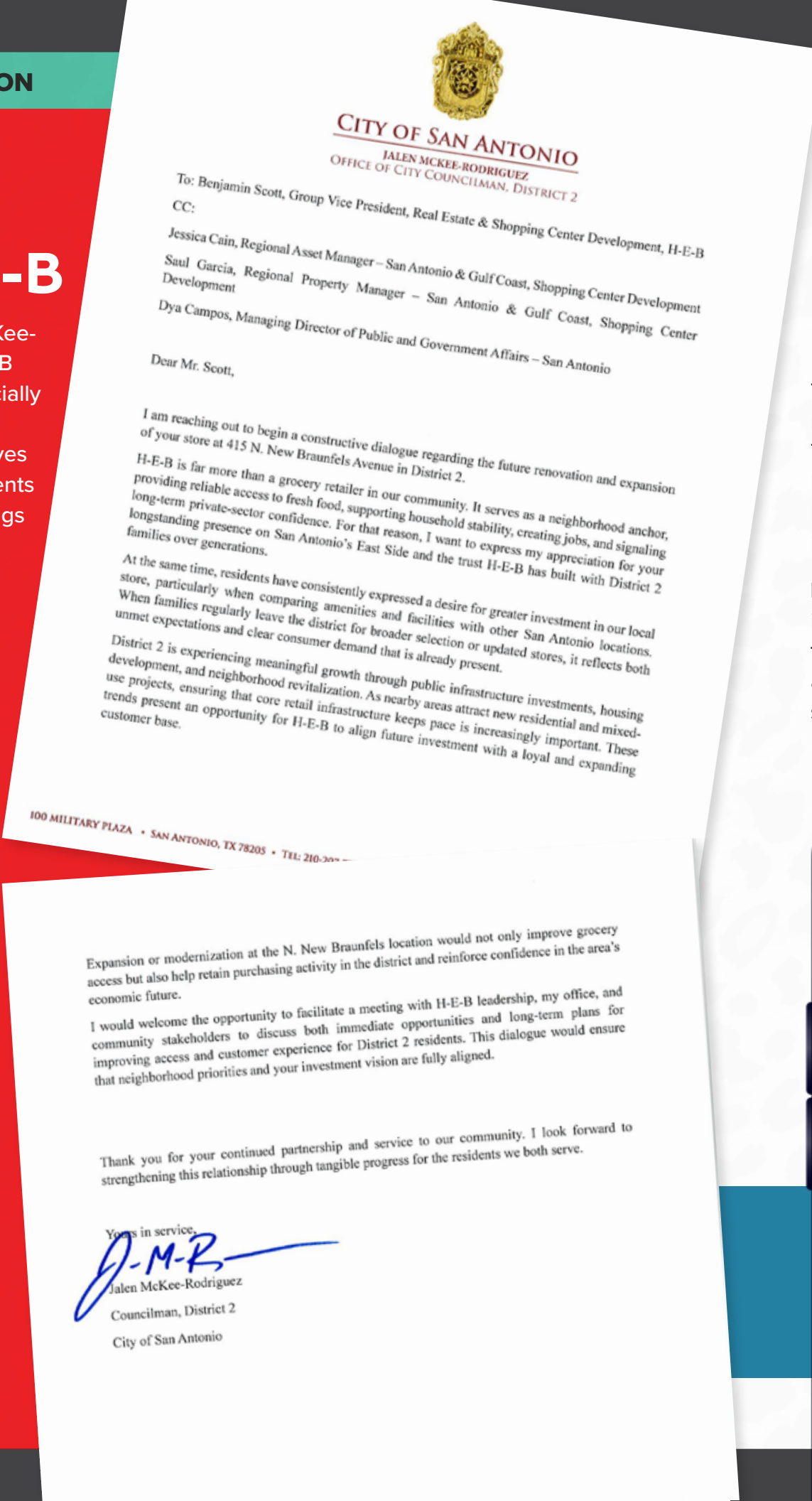
Councilman Letter to H-E-B

In April of 2026 Councilman McKee-Rodriguez sent this letter to H-E-B requesting improvements, especially at the store on N. New Braunfels and E. Houston. Our office receives numerous comments from residents requesting better product offerings and an improved customer experience.

This letter acknowledges the importance of the H-E-B store to the local neighborhood as the only full-service grocery store in the near Eastside. Although this location received some upgrades and investment in the last decade, many nearby residents opt to travel further outside of the neighborhood to get the grocery products and quality produce they need. Stay tuned for an update on this issue in the near future!



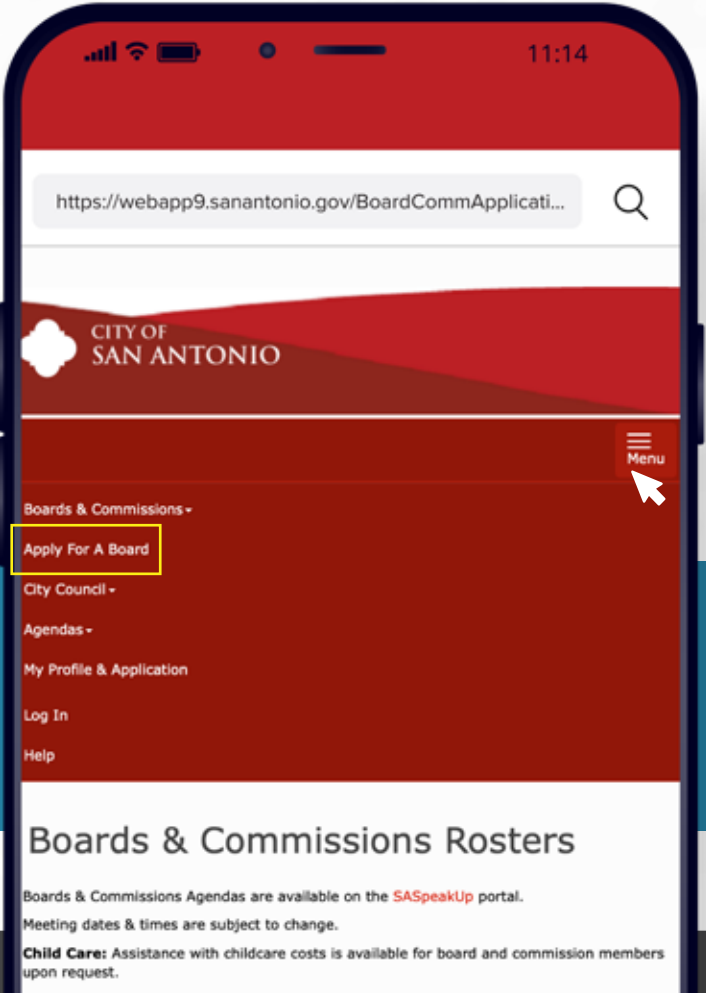
To read this letter on your phone, scan the QR code.



Boards, Commissions & Bond Committees

The 2027 Bond is taking shape and we will soon need residents to serve on Bond Committees. The committees have not been finalized yet, however, in the past they've included: Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks, Parks, Flooding and Drainage, Facilities, and Housing.

Boards & Commissions are an important and impactful way to contribute to your community through volunteering and lending your expertise and experiences. District 2 has vacancies and we're seeking excellent applicants to serve our community.



District 2 Vacancies

- ◆ Alamo Citizen Advisory Board
- ◆ City of San Antonio Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being
- ◆ City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs
- ◆ Disability Access Commission
- ◆ LGBTQ+ Advisory Board
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Board
- ◆ San Antonio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission
- ◆ San Antonio Arts Commission
- ◆ San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation
- ◆ San Antonio Youth Commission (must be under the age of 18)
- ◆ Small Business Advisory Commission
- ◆ Storm Water Management Advisory Board
- ◆ Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board
- ◆ Transportation Advisory Board
- ◆ Veterans Advisory Commission

For more information and to apply, please go to: <https://webapp9.sanantonio.gov/BoardCommApplication/BoardsandCommissions>



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