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Item #33

AN ORDINANCE

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**APPROVING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S STATE
INITIATIVES PROGRAM FOR THE 79TH LEGISLATIVE
SESSION, WHICH CONVENES JANUARY 11, 2005.**

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WHEREAS, prior to the convening of each biennial state legislative session, the City of San Antonio identifies policy priorities that it would like the Texas Legislature to address and since July 2004, the City's Governmental Affairs Team, consisting of Tristan Castañeda, Jr., Susan Rocha, Christopher Shields and Marc Rodriguez, began working with the City Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee, City Departments and agencies and the Texas Municipal League to identify issues for the upcoming session; and

WHEREAS, the result of this work is the pending State Initiatives Program ("Program") containing eight (8) initiatives and six (6) legislative endorsements; and

WHEREAS, the 79th Legislature is expected to consider a variety of issues that could pose significant threats to municipal authority or impose new administrative or financial burdens on city government and, consequently, much of the focus of the City's legislative effort during the upcoming session will be devoted to protecting the City's interests by defeating legislation that would unfairly cap appraisals, weaken municipal annexation authority, restrict the development of functional water markets to meet growing population and economic demands, limit municipal control over water quality, impose unfunded state mandates and restrict the use of local economic development incentives and by supporting legislation that would protect against the possible negative impacts of a streamlined sales tax agreement; and

WHEREAS, similar to last session, the Texas Legislature will likely be facing an anticipated budget shortfall due to a milder than projected economic recovery, resulting in declining projections in sales tax collections and the Legislature will also face the daunting task of revamping the existing public school finance system in the wake of a recent trial court decision that found the current system unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the initial draft of the Program was reviewed by the Council Intergovernmental Relations Committee and is now being recommended for consideration by the full Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby approves the City of San Antonio's State Initiatives Program for the 79th Legislative Session. A copy of the proposed Program is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 2. Staff is hereby directed to inform the Bexar County Legislative Delegation of the Program and to undertake such steps as are reasonably necessary to obtain passage of the City's various initiatives during the upcoming 79th Legislative Session.

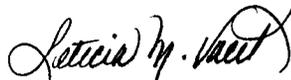
SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November, 2004.

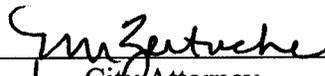


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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____


for City Attorney

Agenda Voting Results

Name: 33.

Date: 11/04/04

Time: 03:35:07 PM

Vote Type: Multiple selection

Description: An Ordinance approving the City of San Antonio's State Initiatives Program for the 79th Legislative Session, which convenes on January 11, 2005. [Presented by Christopher J. Brady, Acting Director, External Relations; J. Rolando Bono, Interim City Manager]

Notes: Motioned: ENRIQUE M. BARRERA Seconded: CHIP HAASS Notes:

Voter	Group	Status	Yes	No	Abstain
ROGER O. FLORES	DISTRICT 1		x		
JOEL WILLIAMS	DISTRICT 2	Not present			
RON H. SEGOVIA	DISTRICT 3		x		
RICHARD PEREZ	DISTRICT 4		x		
PATTI RADLE	DISTRICT 5		x		
ENRIQUE M. BARRERA	DISTRICT 6		x		
JULIAN CASTRO	DISTRICT 7		x		
ART A. HALL	DISTRICT 8		x		
CARROLL SCHUBERT	DISTRICT 9		x		
CHIP HAASS	DISTRICT_10		x		
MAYOR ED GARZA	MAYOR	Not present			