



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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DISTRICT 8: THE HEART OF S.A.

Property Tax Rate Reduced

Dear Taxpayer,

I am pleased to inform you that the members of the City Council voted overwhelmingly, 10-1, in favor of the roll-back of the property tax rate. We also voted for a two-year balanced budget, and to eliminate over 4 million dollars in government waste and inefficiencies. These steps are important toward achieving greater tax relief and making our government more efficient. I am optimistic that this movement will build momentum toward state-wide tax relief.

My Budget Priorities-

- Lowering the Property Tax Rate
- Securing a Two-Year Balanced Budget
- Eliminating Waste and Inefficiencies

It is an honor to represent you, if there is every any way in which I may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call me or my office. We are here to serve you!

Yours in public service,
Diane Cibrian

Additional Budget Information:

The 2008 Proposed Budget cut more than \$4.2 million in lesser priority programs and inefficiencies. These funds are being allocated for more imperative purposes. Combined with the FY 2007 budget, more than \$9 million in savings will result from efficiency improvements.

In the June 2007 Update Financial Forecast, the FY 2009 General Fund ending balance was projected to be negative. By managing recurring improvements, proposing recurring reductions and revenue enhancements, combined with higher than projected revenues, and reserving \$22.9 million from the FY 2008 budget, the FY 2009 General Fund Forecast has been revised and shows a positive ending balance.

Budget Hearings:

The proposed tax rate public hearings are scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2007, at 5:00 pm and Thursday, September 6, 2007, at 5:00 pm. Both hearings will be held at Municipal Plaza in the City Council Chamber. These hearings will be a great way for the public to become more informed about the specifics of the property tax rate and the budget process.

August 23, 2007



Upcoming Events:

August 30: Proposed property tax public hearing-5:00 pm, Municipal Plaza: City Council Chambers

September 6: Proposed property tax public hearing-5:00 pm, Municipal Plaza: City Council Chambers

September 29: Graffiti Wipeout Day-volunteers will gather to cover graffiti around District 8

Graffiti Wipeout Day

Graffiti is unsightly, but it also reduces property taxes. The District 8 Staff and corporate volunteers from around the district will gather on Saturday, September 29, 2007, to wipeout graffiti. There are numerous locations around the district that need our attention. I am working hard to make our neighborhoods beyond compare.



Don't live with it. Wipe it out!



Back to School Fair

Last Sunday, August 19, 2007, my office, Family Service Association, and St. Francis Episcopal Church hosted the First Annual Back-to-School Fair. We were able to provide free backpacks and school supplies for hundreds of District 8 children. We had free food, fun activities, and important resources for students and their families. It was amazing to see so many smiling faces! I am confident that next year it will be an even greater success. I would also like to give a

special thanks to our partners, Family Service Association and St. Francis Church, in addition to our corporate sponsors; KB Home, Valero Energy, Rackspace, USAA, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, Alamo Café, and Jason's Deli.

City Compost Bin Sale

This Saturday, August 25, 2007, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, the City will be selling 1,275 *Earth Machine* compost bins to citizens of San Antonio. The retail price of these bins are \$80.00, but will be sold for \$20.00, plus tax on a first come, first served basis.



However, that is not the only good news; based on EPA studies, one household that backyard composts can divert 600 pounds of organic waste from the landfill per year! In addition, compost is the best ingredient to increase your soil's health and vitality. Check out these products at Wal-Mart parking lots at the 8030 Bander Rd., 16503 Nacogdoches Rd., and 3302 SE Military Dr. locations.

District Information

Please help our office keep the most current list of Home Owners Associations and emails! Contact us with any information we should be aware of. Also, please forward this E-Blast to your HOA or fellow neighbors.

City Links of Interest:

www.sanantonio.gov/graffiti
www.sanantonio.gov/council
www.sanantonio.gov/news
www.sanantonio.gov/neighborhoods.asp
www.sanantonio.gov/proposedbudget

Questions or Comments?

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District office: 692-0463

Helpful Phone Numbers:

24 hour City Hotline.....	311
Animal Resource Center (spay/neuter).....	351-SPAY
Birth and Death Records.....	207-8754
Building Permits.....	207-8220
City Public Service Customer Service.....	353-2222
External Communications.....	207-7235
Fire Non-Emergency.....	207-7744
Garage Sale Permits.....	207-8263
Health Department.....	207-8780
Job Line.....	207-7280
Library Telephone Reference.....	207-2500
Literacy, GED, ESL Classes.....	207-7323
Park Reservations.....	207-PARK
Report Smoking Vehicles.....	1-800-453-SMOG
SAWS-Water Wasting.....	704-7297
Senior Citizen Services.....	207-7160
Tax Office.....	335-2251
Traffic Signs, Signals.....	311
Youth Services.....	207-7190
District 8 City Hall.....	207-7086
District 8 Administrative Staff.....	207-2888