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**OFFICE OF MAYOR GINA ORTIZ JONES**

**TO:** Members of City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Gina Ortiz Jones *G.O.J.*  
**CC:** Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk;  
Andy Segovia, City Attorney; Buddy Vargas, City Auditor  
**SUBJECT:** 2025-2029: City Council Committees and Rosters  
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City Council committees serve as advisory bodies of the council whereby Councilmembers can initiate and oversee the development of City policy. The Mayor is charged with creating Committees and appointing its members. The committee descriptions and rosters for each Committee can be found in the attached document.

Per my earlier memo, the scope of the former Municipal Utilities Committee and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will now be addressed by the entire City Council. Additionally, I have established the Educational Opportunities Committee focused on helping to improve educational outcomes in our community, the key to strengthening our City's long-term economic strength and competitiveness.

As we enter an unprecedented fiscal environment, each Committee will conduct their work in a way that is data-driven, and focused on identifying opportunities to collaborate across committees, with the County, and with a diverse set of stakeholders to meet our City's needs. Our work must be focused on doing the most good for the most people.

All Committees are charged with thinking about how their work can help reduce poverty and strengthen our City's long-term economic competitiveness. The Committees will be equally focused on addressing immediate needs and identifying efforts to strengthen our City's economic strength over the next 7-10 years.

Committees to which the interim District 2 Councilmember are assigned will remain the committee assignment for Councilmember Jalen McKee-Rodriguez upon his return. I look forward to a productive term and working with you to help the City of San Antonio and her residents reach their full potential.

## **City of San Antonio City Council Committees 2025-2029**

**Audit Committee** shall provide guidance and oversight of the Office of the City Auditor in the performance of its responsibilities, including municipal audits. Additionally, this Committee shall serve as the Audit Committee for purposes of the City's external independent financial audit annually coordinated through the City's Finance Department. The Committee shall also review and provide policy recommendations that promote transparency, accountability, and trust in City procurement and contract functions. Included in their charge will be the review of high-profile contracts which shall be identified based on the criteria in effect at the time. Per ordinance, two of the five members are citizens.

**Chair: Phyllis Viagran, District 3**

1. Ivalis Meza Gonzalez, District 8
2. Marc Whyte, District 10
3. Trisha Taino, District 8 – Citizen Representative
4. To be named – Citizen Representative

**Community Health Committee** shall oversee policies, plans and programs that affect the quality of life of our residents including the protection and enhancement of the natural environment, water conservation programs, public health, human services, climate preparedness, solid waste, libraries, and parks. Additionally, the Committee shall oversee activities related to the stewardship of San Antonio's unique artistic, cultural, and historic heritage, to include recommending opportunities to maximize this sector as an economic driver. This Committee will create a Behavior Health subcommittee focused on enhancing this critical resource in our community. Additionally, this Committee will create a subcommittee focused on Youth Health (18 years old and younger). Our community is medically under-served and under-insured. We must consider how the City can ensure we have healthy kids in every part of the City.

**Chair: Ric Galvan, District 6**

1. Teri Castillo, District 5
2. Marina Alderete Gavito, District 7
3. Ivalis Meza Gonzalez, District 8
4. Marc Whyte, District 10

**Economic and Workforce Development Committee** shall oversee policies, plans and programs related to the vitality of the local economy, including the creation and retention of jobs, attraction of new businesses and private investments, support of small businesses, incentive policies and growth of targeted industries. The Committee will also review the City's investments in workforce development and training (SA Ready to Work). In concert with a diverse set of stakeholders from the business community, this Committee will lead a review of the City's procurement processes to ensure we may consider the full pool of talent available. The Committee will provide the City Council NLT October 1, 2025 an update on how they propose conducting the review.

**Chair: Phyllis Viagran, District 3**

1. Ric Galvan, District 6
2. Ivalis Meza Gonzalez, District 8
3. Misty Spears, District 9



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**Educational Opportunities Committee** shall recommend approaches the City may consider to help achieve better educational outcomes, with particular emphasis on geographic parts of the City experiencing persistently lower educational attainment (e.g., lower PreK enrollment, lower high school graduation completion). Approaches shall incorporate consideration of indirect factors (e.g., more affordable housing, better access to affordable health care).

**Chair: Ric Galvan, District 6**

1. Sukh Kaur, District 1
2. Leo Castillo-Anguiano, District 2
3. Edward Mungia, District 4
4. Teri Castillo, District 5

**Governance Committee** shall be responsible for proposing, reviewing, and referring new policy initiatives to staff or other City Council Committees for action. This Committee shall also provide initial oversight of the City's intergovernmental affairs, including State and Federal legislative policy development, lobbying activities, and the promotion of interagency cooperation. Governance also considers policy recommendations from the Ethics Review Board as well as appointments to certain boards. Subcommittees may be created to accommodate the full Committee's charge.

**Chair: Mayor Gina Ortiz Jones**

1. Leo Castillo-Anguiano, District 2
2. Phyllis Viagran, District 3
3. Edward Mungia, District 4

**Municipal Court Advisory Committee** shall recommend judicial nominations for full-time and associate judges, and act as a liaison between the Municipal Court Judges and City Council. This Committee will identify recommendations to ensure citizens with disabilities and/or mental health challenges receive appropriate legal support as they navigate the judicial system. The Committee will also identify opportunities to collaborate with the County, specifically in the magistration process, with a focus on achieving efficiencies.

**Chair: Phyllis Viagran, District 3** *(Chair will revert to District 2 Councilmember at the end of Leo Castillo-Anguiano's service, and the District 3 Councilmember will remain on the Committee.)*

1. Leo Castillo-Anguiano, District 2
2. Marina Aldrete Gavito, District 7
3. Marc Whyte, District 10

**Planning and Community Development Committee** shall oversee policies, plans and programs that promote orderly growth and development of the city as well as issues that serve to preserve the integrity of our city's neighborhoods, including SA Tomorrow, the Strategic Plan to Respond to Homelessness, UDC policies, and other long-term housing plans as they relate to the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). The Committee will establish a Task Force focused on increasing the supply of affordable

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housing for the following: veterans seeking to utilize housing vouchers within five miles of a Veterans Affairs health care facility; our disabled neighbors, notably the deaf and blind; seniors; and LGBTQ+ unhoused youth. The Task Force will provide their initial findings and recommendations in a written report to the Council NLT January 15, 2026.

**Chair: Edward Mungia, District 4**

1. Sukh Kaur, District 1
2. Teri Castillo, District 5
3. Ric Galvan, District 6

**Public Safety Committee** shall oversee matters related to public safety associated with fire protection, emergency medical services (EMS), emergency preparedness, police and law enforcement, animal care services, street lighting, and shade. This Committee will create an Interpersonal Violence subcommittee to identify policy solutions to address the persistently high rates of interpersonal violence in our community. Additionally, this Committee will create an Elder Abuse subcommittee to identify opportunities to address the unique public safety concerns impacting our seniors (e.g., financial fraud, physical abuse).

**Chair: Sukh Kaur, District 1**

1. Leo Castillo-Anguiano, District 2
2. Teri Castillo, District 5
3. Misty Spears, District 9

**Transportation and Infrastructure Committee** shall review policies, plans and programs designed to enhance connectivity and mobility of all kinds, including the City's capital improvement plans, select air service enhancements (SAT's Strategic Development Plan updates shall be presented to the full City Council), congestion reduction projects, transit improvements – to include VIA's Advanced Rapid Transit projects, as well as other multimodal transportation options. This Committee will prioritize efforts to realize the South Texas Parkway and infrastructure that would enhance the City's competitiveness to attract advanced manufacturing economic opportunities.

**Chair: Marina Aldrete Gavito, District 7** *(Chair will revert to District 2 Councilmember at the end of Leo Castillo-Anguiano's service, and the District 7 Councilmember will remain on the Committee.)*

1. Sukh Kaur, District 1
2. Leo Castillo-Anguiano, District 2
3. Edward Mungia, District 4
4. Misty Spears, District 9