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**For Immediate Release**

**COPS/Metro's vision for what a \$311 County Venue Tax can be used for.**  
**San Antonio does not need a fourth publicly funded arena.**

**COPS/Metro will hold a press conference on *Thursday, October 2 at 10:30am on the steps of San Antonio City Hall, 100 Military Plaza #4, San Antonio TX 78205.***

COPS/Metro continues to say NO to public funds for private development. We continue to oppose Proposition B on the November 4th Bexar County Election. We are tired of the narrative that this money can only be used for an arena. The Texas Local Government Code definition of "Venue" includes tourist development areas, municipal parks, watershed protection and preservation, an airport facility or a sports and community project, in addition to an arena or coliseum.

San Antonian's deserve and demand transparency. We know there are other allowed uses for the County Venue tax public money. In 2008, Bexar County voters approved the same Venue Tax for four major propositions totaling \$415 million:

- \$125 million (30.1%) San Antonio River Improvements - Included projects like the Museum Reach and Mission Reach, enhancing ecological restoration and recreational access along the river.
- \$110 million (26.5%) Cultural Arts Projects - Supported venues such as the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts and the Alameda Theater and funded the Briscoe Western Art Museum.
- \$100 million (24.1%) Community Arenas and Grounds - Included renovations and improvements to venues like the Freeman Coliseum and Frost Bank Center.
- \$80 million (19.3%) in Amateur Sports Facilities - Funded facilities like the S.T.A.R. Soccer Complex and supported youth sports organizations such as the Alamo City Youth Soccer Organization.

A vote against Prop B is a vote to support and invest in people-first priorities citywide. Let's prioritize countywide amenities: parks and trails in every precinct, youth sports fields, flood control & flooding infrastructure, and community cultural facilities—especially on the South, West, and East Sides.

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\* Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 334 (A)(4 A-G)

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