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VOTER GUIDE FOR BEXAR COUNTY MUNICIPAL ELECTION

(JOINT GENERAL, SPECIAL, CHARTER ELECTION)

ELECTION DAY: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

Early Voting Period: Monday, April 19, 2021 – Tuesday, April 27, 2021

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	
For Mayor	Gary Allen	Favor
For Council, Place No. 1	Raymond Zavala	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 2	Andrew Fernandez Vicencio	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 3	Katherine Herrera Garza	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 4	David Tristan	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 5	N/A	No Endorsement
For Council, Place No. 6	Irina Rudolph	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 7	N/A	No Endorsement
For Council, Place No. 8	Rob Rodriguez	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 9	Patrick Von Dohlen	Endorse
For Council, Place No. 10	Clayton Perry	Endorse
C.O.S.A. PROPOSITION A	See Note	AGAINST
C.O.S.A. PROPOSITION B	See Note	AGAINST
City of Shavano Park Mayor	M.J. Smoot	Endorse
City of Somerset For Alderman 2 Year Term	Harold C. Orosco	Endorse
N.I.S.D. Trustee, Dist. No. 5	Jakub Kosiba	Endorse

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO – PROPOSITION A VOTE AGAINST

There are substantive, ample arguments why San Antonio voters, property owners and homeowner associations, and taxpayers should be adamantly AGAINST PROPOSITION A. The San Antonio City municipality should not be in the business of building housing projects which foster under the table “business deals” between city public officials and real estate land-owners and builders, leading to graft and corruption. Revising and expanding Section 98 of the city's charter will enable the city council to subjectively expand the city council's spending authority and license to spend hundreds of millions of taxpayers' dollars to fund municipal bonds for projects beyond their core competency as outlined by the city's charter. Voters are ill-equipped to analyze these complex bond issues. The current city charter under Section 98 gives city officials power to borrow money “to issue bonds to construct, acquire, equip, renovate, improve and repair public works for public purposes and to fund or refund any bonded indebtedness”. Proposition A would arrogate or assume responsibility for developing and constructing housing which is the proper domain of public enterprise because the private sector has much greater competency in managing and operating such projects and programs. Any thoughtful voter should look at the experience of other metropolitan areas like Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, New York City to understand why municipalities should not manage such projects.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO – PROPOSITION B VOTE AGAINST

During the June 2020 city council meeting regarding the collective bargaining agreement with the San Antonio Police Officers Association, “District 1 Councilman Roberto Treviño called for defunding the police.”* It is a very bad idea to demonize and reduce our San Antonio police force based on statistically insignificant incidences of police abuse and examples of bad cops in other localities. Some facts about San Antonio crime statistics attributed to FBI reports released September 2020: San Antonio crime rates are 102% higher than the national average; Violent crimes in San Antonio are 87% higher than the national average; In San Antonio you have a 1 in 20 chance of becoming a victim of crime; San Antonio is safer than 5% of the cities in the United States; Year over year crime in San Antonio has increased by 9%.**

*Source: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/san-antonio-city-councilman-calls-for-defunding-police/ar-BB15YFfp>

**Source: <https://www.areavibes.com/san+antonio-tx/crime/>

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