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TO: Mayor and City Council
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SUBJECT: Animal Care Services Additional Campus
DATE: February 19, 2025

Issue Proposed for Consideration:

After coordinating this Council Consideration Request (CCR) with the City Manager, we ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Exploration of a Second Animal Care Services Campus to Improve Response, Accessibility, and Capacity

Brief Background:

San Antonio's Animal Care Services (ACS) Department has faced mounting challenges, including delayed response times to critical calls, increased incidents of dog bites, and a rising euthanasia rate for healthy, adoptable animals due to capacity limitations.

Currently, ACS operates a single shelter facility located on the far west side of the city, creating accessibility barriers for many residents, particularly those in central, south, and east San Antonio. A second ACS campus located on the eastern sector of the city would expand capacity, improve response times and departmental visibility, and increase adoption opportunities, thereby reducing euthanasia rates.

This request proposes a site analysis and feasibility study to determine potential locations for a second ACS campus in the eastern side of the city, which would include:

- 1) Kennel and shelter space to increase citywide capacity for stray and adoptable animals;
- 2) Administrative offices to support operational and enforcement activities;
- 3) A dog park and community space to promote adoptions and serve as a public amenity; and
- 4) Room for future expansion to accommodate anticipated city growth.

Funding Consideration:

Given the location and potential economic development benefits, this proposal should be submitted to the Inner City TIRZ for funding consideration to support feasibility studies, land acquisition, and initial design. The project should also be prioritized for inclusion in the 2027 Bond Program for full funding of construction and operations.

In addition, should any identified land rest near or around the County's jurisdictional boundaries, staff should prepare a proposal for a joint City-County effort to ensure balanced allocation of resources that alleviates the burden of operations on City taxpayers.

Request:

We formally request City staff to initiate a site analysis and feasibility study for a second ACS campus that will 1) Identify optimal locations within underserved areas, with priority for locations in and around

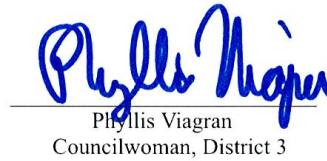


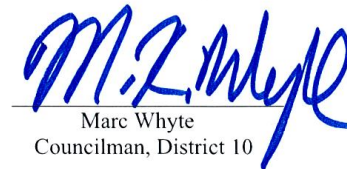
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the Inner City TIRZ boundary; 2) Determine the necessary site size and infrastructure needs; and 3) Recommend a process for expediting land acquisition and zoning changes to secure a suitable site.

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