



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Animal Care Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Jonathan Gary

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

City Council Consideration Request (CCR) to consider the feasibility of a second ACS campus.

SUMMARY:

City Council Consideration Request (CCR) to consider the feasibility of a second ACS campus.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 19, 2025, Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez, Councilmember Viagran, and Councilmember Whyte filed a CCR to explore the feasibility and a site analysis of locations for a second campus on the eastern side of the City. The CCR was supported by Councilmember Cabello-Havrdá and Councilmember Gavito. According to the CCR the current location of the ACS campus has created accessibility barriers to adoptions and resulted in increased response times.

ACS receives approximately 90,000 calls for service a year. 55,000 of those are critical calls in

aggressive, injured/sick, and trapped/confined. Currently ACS is at an 82% response rate. ACS adopts out over 5,500 pets annually and another 18,500 are placed through transfer to a rescue partner, returned to the owner, or trapped, neutered and returned (TNR).

Currently ACS's campus at 4710 State Hwy 151 was built in 2007 and sits on approximately 15 acres. There have not been any significant improvements to the campus since it was built. There will be a state-of-the-art hospital built in 2027. Outside of the ACS main campus, non-profit partners operate the Paul Jolly Adoption Center and Spay/Neuter Clinic on the border of District 1 and 2 in Brackenridge Park. Another non-profit partner operates a spay/neuter clinic at Brooks in District 3. ACS is also in the process of opening two City owned and operated spay/neuter clinics located on the east and west sides. ACS contracts with Animal Defense League in District 10 to provide affordable pet adoptions from pets transferred from ACS. ACS also hosts free weekly microchip and vaccine clinics in neighborhoods with high equity atlas scores.

ISSUE:

The CCR requests that staff complete a site analysis and feasibility study to determine locations for a second ACS campus. Staff is requested to:

- Identify locations in underserved areas, with priority in and near the Inner City TIRZ boundary.
- Determine the campus needs and size.
- Expedite the land acquisition and include in the 2027 Bond Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends this item for consideration in the next budget goal setting process.