



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Governance Committee Meeting

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Council Consideration Request on Appointment Process Improvements.

SUMMARY:

Council Consideration Request by Councilmember Teri Castillo (District 5) on Appointment Process Improvements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On July 11, 2024, Councilmember Teri Castillo submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to improve the appointment process to boards and commissions. The CCR requests that city staff research and propose measures that can be implemented which provide the City Council with more input and residents with more comprehensive representation on appointments to specific boards and commissions for which only the Mayor has the ability to appoint members.

The CCR states state and local law can limit City Council's input on appointments to boards and

commissions for which the Mayor has sole power to appoint members. The CCR specifically mentions the entities such as the San Antonio Housing Commission, the Opportunity Home San Antonio Board, and the Charter Review Commission.

ISSUE:

The CCR states that there has been a transformation in the appointment process aware from engaging the entire council to excluding them all together. This CCR aims to restore these more inclusive and transparent processes as they better serve the entire city.

The CCR requests city staff to:

- explore and make recommendations, including expanding membership to councilmembers and restoring district-specific representation, for the Opportunity Home San Antonio Board, San Antonio Housing Commission, the Charter Review Commission, and other entities as requested throughout the policymaking process.
- determine if the language used in local ordinances governing appointments to the entities listed above is aligned with best governance practices. For examples, “appointments may be made without further action by City Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT:

This item is for briefing purposes only.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Governance Committee should provide recommendation for next steps.