



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jalen McKee-Rodriguez; Phyllis Viagran
COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council
SUBJECT: Displacement Study During Contract Procurement
DATE: January 11, 2022

Issue Proposed for Consideration:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Requesting city staff to determine the feasibility and establish a policy requiring a Displacement Impact Assessment earlier in the affordable housing contract procurement process, and prior to city staff providing recommendations to city council, to prevent the displacement of residents.

Brief Background:

Displacement of families causes financial distress, loss of community support networks, disruption of community services, and places a strain on the mental and psychological well being of the impacted family. Furthermore, displacement negatively impacts neighborhood and population-based outcomes by worsening educational and public health outcomes and reducing the homeownership rate of vulnerable Latino and African American families.

Currently, city council approves millions of dollars of funding on an annual basis to affordable housing projects through a procurement process that awards contracts “to the lowest responsible bidder or to the bidder who provides goods or nonprofessional services at the best value for the City¹.”

Preventing the displacement of residents is of great value to the City. However, during the procurement process, a displacement impact assessment is not required until after the decision has already been made to move forward with funding.

The recently-approved SHIP (Strategic Housing Implementation Plan²) includes strategies to protect and promote neighborhoods, including several strategies to address displacement, but does not specifically address the procurement process or Displacement Impact Assessments.

This CCR is intended to provide guidance to staff to prioritize a review of the feasibility and implementation of this strategy, including feedback from appropriate stakeholders as a meaningful and tangible means for City Council to take urgent action to protect and preserve neighborhoods and prevent harm to vulnerable families.

¹ “Doing Business with the City” (n.d.) Retrieved from:
<https://www.sanantonio.gov/purchasing/howtodobusiness#12775548-evaluation--award>

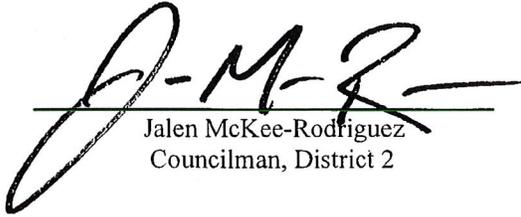
² “Strategic Housing Implementation Plan” (December 17, 2021) Retrieved from:
<https://www.sanantonio.gov/NHSD/Coordinated-Housing/SHIP>

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Submitted for Council consideration by:



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 Councilwoman, District 3

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures

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