



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**Agenda Item Number:** 16

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**In Control:** City Council A Session

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**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the City Clerk

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Debbie Racca-Sittre

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Appointment to the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board

**SUMMARY:**

Appointing Erika Moe as the Citizen At-Large Representative of the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2022. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk]

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The San Antonio Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC) is a nonprofit corporation that was created by the City Council in May 2010 with the purpose of focusing on job creation and promoting long term economic growth specific to the San Antonio regional business ecosystem. Over the years, the SAEDC has invested over \$14.3 million in 12 economic development projects.

The SAEDC has solidified its position over the years as a dependable partner in the entrepreneurship and start-up communities, regularly taking part in local investment pitches and connecting new companies with the appropriate resources and assistance they may need to succeed. Additionally, in collaboration with key economic development partners, the SAEDC

has started its annual Military Industry Day so that local vendors and businesses can network with military personnel and learn more about the Federal and Department of Defense procurement process. The SAEDC staff is often evaluating San Antonio's emerging and developing industries and markets in order to make strategic investments and help spur further economic growth.

The SAEDC is governed by a Board which is comprised of seven (7) members from the following categories: Mayor - one (1) seat; Councilmembers - two (2) seats; City Manager - one (1) seat; and Citizens At-Large – three (3) seats. The three (3) Citizens At-Large seats are appointed by the City Council. The terms for the Citizen members have since lapsed and require new appointments.

After marketing and community outreach efforts, a total of eighteen applications were received and 16 were deemed qualified applicants for one (1) vacant seat for the category of Citizen At-Large. On October 12, the Economic and Workforce Development Committee created a sub-committee to review applicants for the vacant position. The committee included Councilmembers Cabello-Havrda, Castillo, and Rocha-Garcia.

On November 1, the sub-committee met and created a 'shortlist' of the five most qualified candidates to recommend to the EWDC Committee for interviews for the one (1) vacant seat for the category of Citizen At-Large at its November 23, 2021 meeting.

On November 23, 2021, the EWDC voted unanimously to recommend and forward the nomination of Erika Moe for the Citizen At-Large position of the San Antonio Economic Development Corporation.

#### **ISSUE:**

Board and Commission appointments require full City Council approval.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Office of the City Clerk will continue to promote vacancies.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

In order to proceed with the direction of the City Council, the Office of the City Clerk recommends approval of the Board and Commission Appointments.