



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

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8

COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk; Andrew Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council

SUBJECT: Shade as Art – Art as Shade SAA-AAS

DATE: 11/27/2023

Issue Proposed for Consideration

San Antonio faces two important challenges. The first is extreme heat, which has increased the community's desire to see more shade structures installed in and along neighborhoods, commercial corridors, public spaces, and pedestrian right-of-way.

The second challenge is the community's ever-increasing desire to see more public art installed in and along neighborhoods, commercial corridors, public spaces, and pedestrian right-of-way. The solution to these challenges can be solved simultaneously. As such, I request your support in tasking city staff with developing a city-wide strategy to incorporate shade into our public art projects and art into our shade structures.

The Shade as Art – Art as Shade (SAA-AAS) strategy should be informed by:

1. An analysis of where shade and public art are most needed by San Antonians who have historically been denied both;
2. The public's use of bus stops along high-traffic corridors where the heat island effect is most severe;
3. The history and cultural characteristics of the neighborhoods where shade and public art are most needed;
4. Public input;
5. The advice of local artists, designers, and arts organizations;
6. The goals established by the SA Tomorrow plan;
7. The best practices adopted by other communities throughout the world;

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Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8

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