

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

Agenda Item Number: 3

Agenda Date: August 16, 2022

In Control: Public Safety Committee

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Overview of the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's public safety initiatives and ways the Office is focusing on violent crime prosecution by District Attorney Joe Gonzales.

SUMMARY:

Briefing by Bexar County Criminal District Attorney Joe Gonzales with an overview of the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's public safety initiatives and focus on violent crime prosecution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The primary duty of the District Attorney is to seek justice. In the course of its work, the Bexar County District Attorney's Office (BCDAO) works closely with victims of crime, law enforcement agencies, and the local community.

The Bexar County District Attorney's Office analyzes all felony and most misdemeanor charges filed by law enforcement agencies in Bexar County and reviews these charges to decide if enough evidence exists for further prosecution. The City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) are the BCDAO's largest partner with around 80% of the Office's cases filed by SAPD.

District Attorney Joe Gonzales seeks to promote public safety by focusing on violent offenses while reducing recidivism, preventing crime, and making Bexar County a safer and better place to live, work and raise children..

ISSUE:

This briefing will provide the Public Safety Committee with an overview of the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's public safety initiatives presented by Bexar County Criminal District Attorney Joe D.

Gonzales.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is a briefing only.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is a briefing only.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a briefing only.