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SUBJECT: Local Preference Awards for Low Bid Street Improvement Contracts

DATE: March 17, 2021

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 City Council:

Concurrence in support to direct staff to develop a process that can be used to determine a contractor's ability to perform additional "low bid" contract work for the City so that the City does not hire contractors that perform poorly, are not able to complete contracts in a timely manner and any other lawful criteria at our disposal.

Brief Background

Currently low bid contracting regulations prevent direct stipulations in public solicitations that prioritize or restrict street improvement contract work for locally owned businesses. Locally owned businesses that perform quality work in a timely manner should be considered as preferred contractors so as to reduce the number of low bid awards to non-locally owned businesses that have performed poorly and are simultaneously taking work away from San Antonio owned businesses.

This CCR is intended to serve as first step in improving the chances for locally owned businesses in receiving a contract award. Taking such action also complements economic assistance measures for locally owned businesses that have lost business due to the pandemic.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:

Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6

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