



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

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilman Clayton H. Perry, District 10
COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Tina Flores, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council
SUBJECT: Creation of Emergency Preparedness Community Guide
DATE: February 25, 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 Governance Committee:

Direction to City staff, CPS, and SAWS to examine the feasibility of creating an emergency preparedness guide and videos for community distribution.

Brief Background

Beginning the week of February 14, 2021, San Antonio experienced inclement weather rarely seen in our community. This brought on unprecedented freezing temperatures that crippled our energy and water infrastructure. Loss of power and lack of access to water left San Antonio residents in the dark with little guidance on how to cope during this emergency scenario. With no power, residents were not able to search for guidance on proactive measures that could have prevented further confusion and uncertainty.

Rather than wait for another weather emergency, it is important to be proactive and learn from previous lessons. These weather emergencies come in the form of snow, floods, tornados, extreme heat, etc. No longer can we say, "Not in Texas". We must provide preparedness guides for our community to avoid a depletion of necessities such as food, water, and shelter. These guides must be provided to the community in the days leading to an expected wave of inclement weather and be printed in English and Spanish, as well as have videos created to include American Sign Language interpretation. One suggestion for the City to consider is to establish or partner with outside experts on regular training workshops to better prepare the community for all types of weather emergencies. If an emergency happens in our community, it may take emergency workers time to reach everyone in need. Our community should be provided with the guidance necessary to help them properly prepare to take care of themselves and their family.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Clayton H. Perry, District 10

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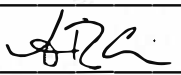




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Creation of Emergency Preparedness Community Guideline

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