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COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Briefing on the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce's 2022 SA to DC advocacy trip.

SUMMARY:

The Chamber of Commerce holds an annual advocacy visit to Washington, D.C. to shape funding and policy decision. The item provides a briefing on the Chamber's issue areas for advocacy and plans for the 2022 SA to DC.

BACKGROUND:

The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce's annual SA to DC trip is expected to take place from January 31 through February 3, 2022. The San Antonio Chamber and its partners are closely assessing the current COVID situation and restrictions in Washington, D.C. A final determination on the status of this year's fly in will be determined soon.

For over 40 years, the SA to DC trip is an opportunity for business and community leaders to advocate on behalf of the needs of the San Antonio community. In coordination with other local Chambers of Commerce and community partners, the 2022 SA to DC trip will seek to highlight San Antonio and shape funding and policy decisions in Washington for the benefit of the San Antonio region.

The SA to DC Leadership Team identifies specific issue teams to advocate for policies and legislation in areas of interest to the community. The teams are comprised of community, business, and industry leaders. The issue teams play a key role in the advocacy of our City and business community priorities and help convey a united community to elected officials and agency representatives.

The SA to DC issue areas for advocacy include:

- Aerospace
- Cybersecurity
- Education/Workforce
- Energy
- Public Health
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Housing
- International Trade
- Military Affairs
- Transportation
- Small Business
- Water

ISSUE:

SA to DC is the San Antonio business community's yearly opportunity to advocate for community priorities with the federal government. City Council members and staff has participated throughout the years in SA to DC in the various issue teams of interest to the City.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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