



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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Agenda Date: March 22, 2023

In Control: San Antonio Housing Commission Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Neighborhood and Housing Services

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Veronica Garcia, Director

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Director to report updates on Neighborhood and Housing Services Department Programs

SUMMARY:

Each month the Director prepares a report on program updates directly affecting the Housing Commission and its charge.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Director's Report: (a) Property Tax Help Campaign Update; (b) Upcoming meetings.

ISSUE:

(a) Property Tax Help Campaign (PTHC)

The City of San Antonio has launched a Property Tax Help Campaign to help homeowners file for homestead exemptions and learn about how to protest their property tax valuations. NHSD has

partnered with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid (TRLA) and San Antonio Legal Services Association (SALSA) to help facilitate and provide free legal services. Other resources, including the Bexar County Tax Assessor, will be available.

The Campaign will feature fourteen sessions throughout the City with onsite American Sign Language and Spanish interpretation services. There will be at least one session in each Council District. One session was held entirely in Spanish. In addition, residents may access information online at their convenience at <https://www.sanantonio.gov/NHSD/Programs/TaxProtest>.

An estimated 488 households attended the first 5 events of the campaign. Attendance exceeded room capacity at four of the first five events.

As the events progress, volunteers keep a count of exemptions and other services they provide. These totals do not include people who filed on their own after the workshop. The following exemptions have been filed during the first 5 events:

- 150 Homestead
- 16 Over 65
- 4 Disability (non-veteran)
- 6 Disabled Veteran
- 30 Notices of Protest

There have been 6 sessions so far:

- Monday, February 13: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - Carver Library, 3350 E Commerce St, 78220
- Monday, February 20: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Mission Branch Library, 3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214
- Monday, February 27: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Maverick Library, 8700 Mystic Park, 78254
- Saturday, March 4: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Palo Alto College, 1400 W Villaret Blvd, 78224
- Monday, March 6: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - McCreless Library, 1023 Ada St, 78223
- Monday, March 20: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - San Antonio Food Bank, 5200 Old Hwy 90, 78227

Information about the remaining 8 sessions is below:

- Monday, March 27: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - Ron Darner Park Headquarters, 5800 Old Hwy 90 78227
- Monday, April 3: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Bibliotech EDU, 626 N Flores St, 78205
- Monday, April 10: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Cody Library, 11441 Vance Jackson Rd, 78230
- Thursday, April 13: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - Second Baptist Church Community Center, 3310 E Commerce St, 78220
- Monday, April 17: 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
 - Alamodome, 100 Montana St, 78203
- Monday, April 24: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

- Walker Ranch Senior Center, 835 W Rhapsody, 78216
- Saturday, May 6: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - Lanier High School, 1514 W Cesar E Chavez Blvd, 78207
- Monday, May 8: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 - Tool Yard (Northeast Service Center), 10303 Tool Yard, Building 1, 78284

(b) Upcoming Meetings

The next regular meeting of the Housing Commission will be held on April 26, 2023. Other important upcoming meetings may include:

- 4/3: Public Engagement & Outreach Subcommittee
- 4/6: Renters' Solutions Subcommittee Meeting
- TBD: Dashboard & Annual Report Subcommittee

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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