

10 28 16 GREATER CHAMBER SPEECH

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1.TRANSPORTATION

**ARTICLE IN FORBES — 10 13 16 — AMERICA'S NEXT GREAT
METROPOLIS IS TAKING SHAPE IN TEXAS**

**AUSTIN-NEW BRAUNFELS-SAN MARCOS-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR-
EXPANDING MORE RAPIDLY THAN ANY OTHER IN THE NATION**

**SAN ANTONIO — EMERGING UPSTART — 31% JOB GROWTH SINCE
2000 — TWICE THAT OF NEW YORK, AND THREE TIMES-SAN
FRANCISCO**

**STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH RELATED
FIELDS) JOB GROWTH AT 29% OR THREE TIMES THE NATIONAL
AVERAGE**

**NET DOMESTIC-IN-MIGRATION TRAILS ONLY AUSTIN AMONG
TEXAS CITIES**

**WE RANK IN THE TOP 10 CITIES — ABOUT EVEN WITH AUSTIN FOR
EDUCATED MILLENNIALS.**

COST OF LIVING SIGNIFICATLY LOWER THAN OTHER TEXAS CITIES

**TIED TO SUCCESS OF AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR-BUT WE
FACE A HUGE SUSTAINABILITY PROBLEM- TRANSPORTATION**

**WE HAVE ADDRESSED OTHER MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ARTIES.
IN JUST THE PAST 4 YEARS BEXAR COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED
OVER \$527 MILLION DOLLARS FOR 21 REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT
MAJOR PROJECT INCLUDING LOOP 1604, I H 10 AND 281
CORRIDORS.**

**FOUR NEW LANES ON IH 10 FUNDED-PRELIMARY WORK ON
ACCESS ROADS ALREADY BEGUN**

**HWY. 281 FROM LOOP 1604 TO STONE OAK-CONSTRUCTION
START 2017 FINISH 2020. FROM STONE OAK TO BORGFIELD
DRIVE, COUNTY LINE-CONSTRUCTION START 2019 FINISH 2022**

**LAST LEGS ON 1604 FROM CULEBRA TO POTRANCO-ALREADY
STARTED. FROM POTRANCO TO HWY 90-START NOVEMBER
FINISH BOTH IN TWO YEARS.**

**NOW WE NEED TO FOCUS ON IH 35 TO SUSTAIN THE ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY IN THE SA-AUSTIN CORRIDOR— IT SHOULD BE OUR
NUMBER ONE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY**

**NEED TO TURN IT INTO A DOUBLE DECKER SUPER MANAGED LAND
HIGHWAY.**

COMMISSIONER WOLFF IS WORKING WITH TXDOT, ALAMO AREA MPO AND (CAMPO) AUSTIN AREA MPO CAMPO PLANNING- FROM WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO HAYS. ALAMO AREA PLANNING-DOWNTOWN TO SCHERTZ-

TXDOT NEEDS TO LOOK AT APPROXIMATELY 20 MILE GAP- (FROM SCHERTZ TO HAYS COUNTY)

COMMISSIONER WOLFF IS PROPOSING THAT AN ELEVATED COMMUTER RAIL BE BUILT ALONG WITH THE HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE PLAN TO LINK THE CORRIDOR WITH RAIL. BUY NO NEW RIGHT A WAY AND AVOID SOME 180 ROAD CROSSINGS.

TXDOT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FOR PASSANGER RAIL.

SUPPORT COUNCILMAN JOE KRIER'S INITITATIVE TO CONSIDER A LARGER REGIONAL AIR PORT. IT COULD BE ON A NEW GREENFIELD SITE. BUT WE NEED TO STUDY ENLARGING OUR AIRPORT BY ACCUMULATING ADDITIONAL LAND AND MOVING GENERAL AVIATION, POSSIBILITY TO STINSON. PERHAPS LEAD US TO BEING A HUB.

I BELIEVE IT'S TIME TO CONSIDER PRIVATIZING OUR AIR PORT TO INSTILL A MORE ENTERPERNAUIL SPIRT THAT COULD MOVE US FORWARD.

11. IS A MILITARY BRAC COMING?

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION NEARLY OVER. AIRFORCE SAYS THEY HAVE AN OVER CAPACITY OF BASES. WE COULD BE FACING A NEW BRAC.

AS MAYOR AND COUNTY JUDGE I HAVE BEEN THROUGH 4 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURES. WE LOST TWO BASES, KELLY AND BROOKS, AND TURNED THEM INTO ECONOMIC GENERATORS. WE HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE LAST ROUND OF BRAC WHEN JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO BECAME HOME TO MILITARY MEDICINE. WE DID OUR HOMEWORK AND STARTED EARLY.

THE FOOT PRINT OF THE MILITARY IS HUGE IN SAN ANTONIO. JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO INCLUDES FT. SAM, LACKLAND, AND RANDOLPH- INCLUDES 55,000 ACRES, 80,000 +PERSONNEL, 266 MILITARY SERVICE MISSIONSS LARGEST SINGLE EMPLOYER IN THE CITY. \$49 BILLION ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT.

PROTECT OUR MISSIONS

**COUNTY – 5000 ACRES TO ASSURE CAMP BULLIS OPERATION
BUYING LAND TO PROTECT FLIGHT PATTERNS AT RANDOLPH
COUNTY – BIBLIOTECH IN ALL THREE MILITARY LIBRARIES
SEEK NEW MISSIONS- SHORT LIST OF HIGH-PRIORITY TRAINING
WING**

**THE 24TH AND 25TH AIR FORCE AS WELL AS THE NSA PRESENCE
AT PORT SAN ANTONIO HAVE GIVEN OUR REGION A SOLID CORNER
ON CYBER SECURITY — VISITED WITH 24TH COMMANDER
GENERAL WEGGMAN IN LAST MONTH. NEED TO ENHANCE
SERVICES SUCH AS RESTAURANTS AND OFFICE SPACE AT PORT
SAN ANTONIO.**

**WE ARE SECOND ONLY TO WASHINGTON DC AND WE NEED TO
MAKE SURE WE KEEP THIS POSITION.**

**MILITARY TRANSFORMATION TASKFORCE TRI-CHAIRS WILL NEED
TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE BRAC– JOE
KRIER, COMMISSIONER WOLFF, AND CAROLL SCHUBERT FROM
THE CHAMBER**

111. TECH IN BEXAR COUNTY

- 1. GREW FROM 15,000 JOBS IN 2008 TO 34,000 JOBS IN
2016.**
- 2. AVERAGE WAGE \$78,000 COMPARED TO \$45,000
ACROSS ECONOMY.**

**STRONG ENTERPERNUEIL EVOLUTION ALONG HOUSTON
STREET ANCHORED BY GEEKDOM.
EMBETTED LARGE TECH OPERATIONS IN MAJOR
COMPANIES
CYBER SECURITY FIRMS. SOME 40 HEADQUARTERS**

**BEXAR COUNTY INNOVATION FUND
\$1 MILLION TO FOCUS ON RECRUITMENT, RETENTION &
EXPANSION, TALENT DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, AND BRAND
BUILDING.**

TECH RELATED MUSIC AND FLIM INDUSTRY- NEED NAMES

**BIBLIO TECH- VIA BUS SYSTEM, UNIVERISTY HOSPITAL, NEW EAST
SIDE LOCATION NEXT YEAR.**

**CHALLENGE WITH THE PENDING CHANGE IN OWERNSHIP OF
RACKSPACE AND ITS GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS HERE WITH OVER
3000 EMPLOYEES**

**AUGUST 26 ANNOUNCEMENT OF SALE TO APOLLO GLOBAL. FELT
BETTER AFTER TEXT EXCHANGES WITH GRAHAM WESTON ON
SEPTEMBER 3. HE RELATED THAT HE DID NOT THINK THERE IS
ANY CHANCE OF RACKSPACE MOVING. APOLLO HAS CONFIDENCE
IN CEO TAYLOR RHODES. THEY NEED TO GROW COMPANY TO GET
A RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENT.**

WHEN SALE CLOSES NEED TO MEET WITH APOLLO OFFICIALS.

111 SA WORKS

A. WORKFORCE AND SKILLED TRAINING:

SA WORKS SPUN OUT OF A WORKFORCE SUMMIT THAT MAYOR TAYLOR AND IS HOSTED. RESULT-AN EMPLOYER DRIVEN MEASURE TO BROADEN THE SKILLED TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE ALAMO COLLEGE DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOLS, AND BUILD ON THE SUCCESS OF THE ALAMO ACADEMIES. **SA WORKS TEAM NOW HAS 80 EMPLOYERS**

- a. MAKING GREAT HEADWAY-NISD HAS SEEN A 35% GROWTH IN HIGH SCHOOL CREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS FROM 2013-14 TO 2015-16. AN ANOTHER 20% GROWTH THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- b. NEISD-HAD 24% GROWTH IN 2013-14 AND 15% THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

c. SAISD-NOW HAS 45% OF ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN CIT.

d. BUT NEED MORE TEACHER CERTIFICATION IN ENGINEERING, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, HEALTH SCIENCE AND COMPUTER SCIENCE. STATE NEEDS TO STEP UP SUPPORT.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS CAN GET APPROVED TO TEACH WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FULL TEACHER CERTIFICATION.

SAISD STARTING NEW TECH HIGH SCHOOL DOWNTOWN-
THANK CHARLES BUTT AND _____

RECOGNIZE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDS- NISD BRIAN WOODS,
SAISD PEDRO MARTINEZ, AND _____ NEISD

**JOB SHADOW DAY 2016 HOSTED 1700 STUDENTS WITH 58
EMPLOYERS**

**SUMMER JOBS 2016- 22 EMPLOYERS PROVIDED 140 INTERN
PLACEMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. COUNTY HIRED 16
INTERNS ACROSS 10 DEPARTMENTS.**

THANK TOMMY CALVERT

V. MLS SOCCER-PREPARE FOR AN ELECTION

BEST CHANCE FOR ANOTHER MAJOR LEAGUE SPORT

- A. FASTEST GROWING SPORT FOR MILLENIALS AND A PERFECT FIT FOR SAN ANTONIO.**
- B. CITY AND COUNTY CAME TO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE TOYOTA STADIUM AND LEASE IT TO THE SPURS.**
- C. WITH SPURS SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT AS OWNERS OF SAN ANTONIO'S NEW USL FRANCHISE, WE HAVE THE RIGHT PARTNERSHIP TO PURSUE AN MLS FRANCHISE**

FIRST SEASON OF SAN ANTONIO FC LEAD TO ATTENDANCE RECORDS AT TOYOTA FIELD AND THE CLUB HAD THE FOURTH LARGEST ATTENDANCE AVERAGE OF THE LEAGUE'S 29 TEAMS.

SPURS MET LAST WEEK WITH MLS OFFICAL. DAVID SMITH AND I PLAN TO MEET WITH THEM IN MID NOVEMBER

- 4. STADIUM EXPANSION FOR MLS WILL REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL NOVEMBER 2017. MIKE SCHULLEY WILL BE LEADING EFFORT FOR BEXAR COUNTY**

V1. PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. SUBSTATION-EAST SIDE ON ROCKET LANE – CONSTRUCTION STARTED**
- 2. SUBSTATION WEST SIDE ON CAGNON ROAD- CONSTRUCTION STARTED**

- 3. JUST THIS MONTH SHERIFF TRAINING ACADEMY
OPENED IN A NEW FACILITY ON GILLETTE BLVD.
THANK CHICO**
- 4. WILL OPEN SHERIFF'S AND FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN THE NEW REGIONAL
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ON IH 10 AND 1604.**
- 5. THANK SHERIFF PAMERLEAU**

V11. PROPOSED CITY COUNTY REVENUE PROPERTY CAPS

**BAD IDEA- WILL REQUIRE A MANDATED ELECTION TO GO OVER
4%**

**HIGH GROWTH AREAS HIT THE HARDEST. BEXAR COUNTY 344,000
INCREASE IN RESIDENTS SINCE 2005. COUNTY LIVES OFF NEW
REVENUE GENERATED BY NEW CONSTRUCTION-**

**WE HAVE DROPPED OUR PROPERTY TAX RATE FROM .388 IN 1995
TO .308 TODAY SAVING LOCAL PROPERTY TAX PAYERS OVER 1.05
BILLION.**

WILL LOWER OUR BOND RATINGS.

**LEGISLATIVE SPENDING MANDATES HAVE COST US OVER \$130
MILLION SINCE 2002 — NOT INCLUDING THOSE COSTS ABSORBED**

BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL SYSTEM AT THE STATE'S REFUSAL TO EXPAND MEDICAID.

INSTEAD OF CAPS THEY SHOULD REFORM THE APPRAISAL SYSTEM THAT REQUIRE SALES PRICE DISCLOSURE AND CLOSING THE "DARK STORE" CONCEPT DEPLOYED BY BOX STORES SUCH AS LOWES.

HEAVIEST BURDEN- THE STATE'S 1,024 SCHOOL DISTRICTS RESPONSIBLE FOR 54.9 % OF TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES LEVIED IN FY 2013. COUNTIES AND CITIES MAKE UP ABOUT 7.6% EACH

SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES 5 TIMES COUNTY TAX.

LOCAL SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES GO UP BECAUSE STATE IS NOT FUNDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SCHOOL FUNDING DROPPED FROM \$20 BILLION IN 2008 TO \$16 BILLION IN 2013.

STATE SHOULD FUND ALL SCHOOLS WITH A REFORMED SALES TAX AND ELIMINATE THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX.

- There has been a lot of talk about how we can make housing more affordable. The legislature can do it by funding our schools + cutting our property taxes.

V111. LONE STAR, THE PEARL OF THE SOUTH SIDE

MY DAD, TWO BROTHERS AND I BUILT A BUILDING MATERIAL STORE ACROSS FROM THE LONE STAR BREWERY IN THE 1960s WHEN IT WAS STILL OPERATING ON THE BANKS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER. FOR TOO LONG NOW IT HAS SAT ABANDONED.

FINALLY I BELIEVE IT WILL COME BACK TO LIFE. 4 ½ YEARS AGO I MET WITH DEVELOPER MARK SMITH. FINALLY HE TEAMED UP WITH DAVID NEUHOFF, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR CBL AND ASSOCIATES, A \$2 BILLION DOLLAR COMPANY OUT OF TENNESSE.

LAST AUGUST 26 I MET WITH FRANK BURNEY AND DAVID NEUHOFF ON SITE AND LOOK AT ALL THE PLANS. SINCE LANDED TWO ANCHOR TENANTS-CINEMARK MOVIE THEATER AND A POPULAR DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE CALLED PUNCH BOWL SOCIAL. CONSTRUCTION STARTS IN MID 2017 AND THE FIRST TENANTS WILL OPEN IN 2018. SIGNING OTHER TENANTS.

EVENTUALLY 1.8 MILLION SQ FT OF RETAIL AND RESTAURANTS, 5000 APARTMENTS AND 775 HOTEL ROOMS.

COUNCILMAN SHIRLEY GONALES WORKING ON STREET IMPROVEMENT. BEXAR WILL GIVE INCENTIVE PACKAGE.

COMPLEMENT OUR \$200 MILLION IN 8 MILES OF THE MISSION REACH OF THE RIVER.

1X . CITY BOND ISSUE

CONTINUING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR CITY ON A FORWARD POSITIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH. WE EXPECT ANOTHER 1 MILLION PEOPLE IN OUR SMA WITHIN THE NEXT 20 YEARS. THIS IS PERCISELY WHY REVENUE CAPS WILL STIFLE OUR CITY'S GROWTH.

THIS COMING MAY \$850 MILLION BOND PROGRAM FOR STREETS, DRAINAGE, FLOOD, PARKS AND RECREATION, FACILITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS.

THE PROPOSED BOND PACKAGE COMPLEMENTS MANY OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS THE COUNTY HAS MADE INCLUDING \$19 MILLION FOR SAN PEDRO CREEK.

I WANT TO THANK MAYOR TAYLOR, SHERYL SCULLEY AND THE CITY COUNCIL STEPPING FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSED INVESTMENT. I WILL SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE AND HOPE EVERYONE ELSE WILL ALSO.

X. SAN PEDRO CREEK AND THE PERFORMING ARTS

SAN PEDRO CREEK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, A \$125 M COUNTY PROJECT TO TURN THE DRAINAGE DITCH BACK INTO A CREEK WITH A CULTURAL PARK ON ITS BANKS.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE DEVELOPMENT ALONG
WESTERN EDGE OF DOWNTOWN
WILL TELL STORY OF FIRST SETTLEMENTS ALONG SAN
PEDRO CREEK**

**THE CREEK'S LINK TO THE RIVER WILL DRAW
EVEN MORE PEOPLE TO THE MISSION REACH AND
WORLD HERITAGE MISSIONS.**

**JUST LAST WEEK THE COMMISSIONERS COURT
AUTHORIZED THREE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.**

**THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CREEK SHOULD BE
COMPLETED BY MAY 5, 2018, THE CITY'S 300TH
ANNIVERSARY.**

THANK PAUL ELIZONDO

**ON SEPT. 8, 2016, BEXAR COUNTY HELD
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES UNLIKE ANY OTHER
— BEAUTIFUL NIGHT, MOON OUT. THE COUNTY
COMMISSIONED AN ORIGINAL OPERA CELEBRATING
THE FOUNDING OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE CREEK. ON
THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT FOX TECH HIGH SCHOOL,
LOCATED AT NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE CREEK,
THE LOCAL SYMPHONY, OPERA, AND BALLET STAGED
THE FIRST ACT OF THE BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN OPERA.
BEHIND THE STAGE, A LARGE DIGITAL SCREEN
SHOWED SCENES OF THE CREEK, AND THE OPERA
ENDED WITH A LARGE DISPLAY OF SHOOTING
STREAMS OF WATER COLORED BY LIGHTS.**

**THANK SUSZANNE SCOTT, BETTY BUECHE AND
THE GREAT TEAM OF ARTIST THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE.**

**I WILL CLOSE ASKING YOU TO STEP UP YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PERFORMING ARTS. THE COUNTY PUT IN
\$100 MILLION TO BUILD THE TOBIN CENTER FOR THE**

PERFORMING ARTS. THE CENTER IS RANKED #1 IN THE WORLD FOR THEATERS WITH 2,000 SEATS OR LESS BASED ON PERFORMANCES AND ATTENDANCE.

WE BUILT IT PRIMARILY TO FOSTER LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS ORGANIZATIONS. IF WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE SYMPHONY, THE OPERA AND THE BALLET AND OUR PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS THEN THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TOBIN WOULD BE LOST.

OPERA PRESIDENT MEL WEINGART IN THE 2015 SEASON STAGED A SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION OF "MADAM BUTTERFLY" AND "SALAME". IN 2016 HE HIRED ENRIQUE CARREON-ROBLED0 AS THE NEW GENERAL MANAGER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR. IN 2013 HE WON THE HOUSTON THEATER AWARD FOR "BEST ARTISTIC DIRECTOR". THE OPERA WILL STAGE TWO FULL PRODUCTIONS OF "CARMEN" AND "THE BARBER OF SEVILLE" IN THE 2016-2017 SEASON.

THE BALLET UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP HAS PUT ON SOME GREAT PERFORMANCES. CHAIRPERSON CHRISTINE VARELA MAYER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIANN COLON, AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR WILLY SHIVES ARE LEADER THE BALLET TO NEW HEIGHTS.

GREAT AMERICAN CITIES ARE DEFINED BY ITS COMMITMENT TO CLASSICAL MUSIC. TODAY WE HAVE A GREAT ORCHESTRA LED BY SEBASTIAN LANG LESSING, RECOGNIZED ACROSS THE WORLD AS ONE OF THE VERY BEST. EVERY SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, BAND, AND STRING QUARTET DEPENDS ON HELP

AND INSPIRATION FROM THE SYMPHONY. WE HAVE SEVENTY-TWO CREATIVE MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA.

I ASK FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS ORGANIZATIONS.

LETS WORK TOGETHER TO:

CREATE A NEW TRANSPORTATION NET WORK FOR THE AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR

SUPPORT OUR MILITARY AND PREPARE FOR A BRAC

GROW OUR TECH INDUSTRY

SUPPORT SA WORKS

MLS SOCCER EXPANDED STADIUM

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