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OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

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SUBJECT: Information Systems Security

DATE: September 30, 2015

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:

Governmental services and our city's critical infrastructures—such as energy, transportation systems, communications, and financial services—are dependent on computerized (cyber) information systems and electronic data to carry out operations and to process, maintain, and report essential information. The security of these systems and data is vital to public confidence and assurance of the city's safety, prosperity, and well-being. Safeguarding our computer systems and the systems that support critical infrastructures is a continuing concern. Based on these concerns, the development of an information systems and digital infrastructure (cyber) security plan that includes a staffing model for City of San Antonio assets and agencies, i.e. the San Antonio Water System and CPS Energy, is needed to enhance ongoing security efforts by the City's Information Technology Services Department.

Brief Background

Ensuring adequate protection against ongoing threats to our digital infrastructure and information systems is an emerging priority for all public and private entities. The City of San Antonio has recognized this by: 1) emphasizing cyber-security in the FY2016 Audit Plan; 2) engaging with the Defense Department on a wide range of military cyber-security initiatives; 3) identifying cyber-security as a target industry for economic development; and, 4) collaborating with educational institutions to expand cyber-security curriculum in secondary education.

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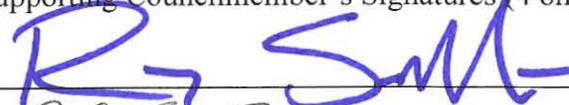
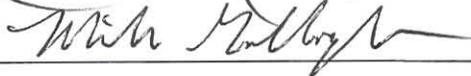
On September 17, 2014, the City Council Governance Committee directed City staff to develop a comprehensive digital infrastructure strategy, to include: 1) improving private sector service; 2) bridging the digital divide; 3) expanding mobile data capacity; and, 4) utilizing a municipally-owned fiber network. The City has made strides on each of these elements of the strategy. The emergence of cyber-security as a national priority dictates that the comprehensive digital infrastructure strategy include a separate information systems security element.

Submitted for Council consideration  
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Councilman Ron Nirenberg, District 8

Supporting Councilmember's Signatures (4 only)

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