



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales, District 5

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SUBJECT: Prohibition of alcohol in certain city parks

DATE: May 26, 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:

An ordinance to prohibit alcohol in the following parks:

1. Amistad;
2. Benavides, Father Albert;
3. Calderon Boys' and Girls Club;
4. Cassiano;
5. Elmendorf Lake;
6. Kelly Area Park;
7. Morrill;
8. Roosevelt;
9. Vidaurri, Juan

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Brief Background

The above-listed city parks in City Council District 5 are some of the few remaining which permit alcohol on the premises. These are not event venues, such as Hemisphere or La Villita, and so there should be no reason that they are treated any differently than other parks around the city which almost all prohibit alcohol.

Residents complain regularly of the nuisances which alcohol in the park leads to: namely vagrancy and threats to public safety. Parks should be places for families and communities to engage in safe recreational activity, and so it is important that we treat these parks in District 5 with the same concern that parks across the city are treated.

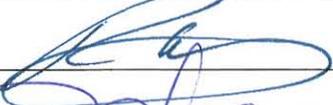
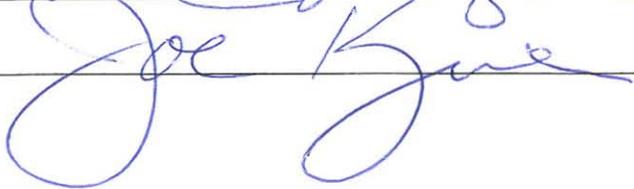
Submitted for Council consideration
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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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