

AN ORDINANCE **92255**

DIRECTING THE DIRECT SUPPLIERS OF DRINKING WATER THROUGH PIPING SYSTEMS SERVING PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FLUORIDATE ALL WATER SUPPLIES WITHIN THEIR DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS; AND ADOPTING A PROVISION MAKING THIS ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2000.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Antonio has directed that the issue of whether or not to fluoridate all water supplies within the distribution systems of the City of San Antonio be formally considered by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that extensive research indicates that community water fluoridation contributes to the dental health of the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City of San Antonio is the largest city in Texas with a non-fluoridated public water supply; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that inasmuch as fluoridation of the public water supply furthers the health and welfare of the public, it is determined by the City Council of the City of San Antonio that it is in the best interest of the City that all water supplies serving the City of San Antonio be fluoridated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the City of San Antonio through State law and City Charter is empowered to take certain actions to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, because it is the desire and intent of the City Council that the decision of the voters determine whether or not to fluoridate the water supplies, this issue will be placed before the qualified electors of the City at an election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2000 for approval or rejection; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

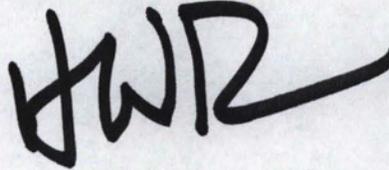
SECTION 1. All community water systems as defined by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, P.L. 93-523, enacted by the United States Congress in 1974, which are direct suppliers of water through piping systems serving properties within the City of San Antonio are hereby authorized

and directed to fluoridate all water supplies within their distribution systems to reach a total fluoride concentration of parts per million as recommended by the Texas Department of Health.

SECTION 2. It is hereby directed that this ordinance will become effective only by and upon the approval of the voters of the City of San Antonio at an election to be held in the City of San Antonio on Tuesday, the seventh (7th) day of November, 2000.

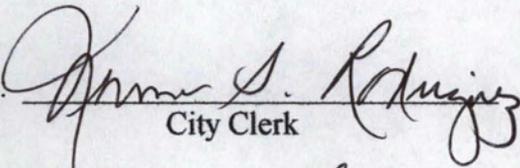
SECTION 3. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application thereof to other circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City Council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

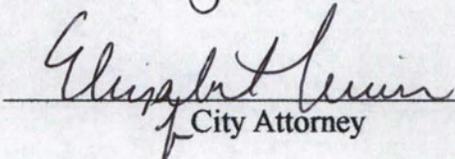
PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2000.



M A Y O R

Howard W. Peak

ATTEST. 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney

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MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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**FLUORIDATION
 DIRECTION TO
 WATER SUPPLIERS**

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ASSET MANAGEMENT
AVIATION
BUDGET & PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
BUILDING INSPECTIONS
BUILDING INSPECTIONS - HOUSE NUMBERING
CITY ATTORNEY
MUNICIPAL COURT PROSECUTORS
RISK MANAGEMENT
CITY MANAGER
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE - GENERAL MANAGER
CITY PUBLIC SERVICE - MAPS & RECORDS
CODE COMPLIANCE
COMMERCIAL RECORDER (PUBLISH)
COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
COMMUNITY RELATIONS
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION OFFICE
CONVENTION FACILITIES
COUNCIL OFFICES
CULTURAL AFFAIRS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
FINANCE DIRECTOR
FINANCE (ASSESSOR)
FINANCE (CONTROLLER)
FINANCE (GRANTS)
FINANCE (TREASURY)
FIRE DEPARTMENT
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HUMAN RESOURCES
INFORMATION SERVICES
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL REVIEW
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
LIBRARY
METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION (PUBLISH)
MUNICIPAL COURTS
NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION
PARKS & RECREATION
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
DISABILITY ACCESS OFFICE
LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
POLICE DEPARTMENT
GROUND TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
CAPITAL PROJECTS
CENTRAL MAPPING (W/ATTACHMENTS)
ENGINEERING
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
PARKING
REAL ESTATE
SOLID WASTE
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES
SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM
1 <i>NORMA</i>
1 <i>DICK</i>
1 <i>SUSIE V.</i>

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 60A
 DATE: AUG 03 2000
 MOTION: *John* *Perz*
 ORDINANCE NUMBER: 92255
 RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____
 ZONING CASE NUMBER: _____
 TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION: _____

NAME	ROLL	AYE	NAY
BOBBY PEREZ District 1		✓	
MARIO SALAS District 2		✓	
DEBRA GUERRERO District 3		✓	
RAUL PRADO District 4		✓	
DAVID A. GARCIA District 5		✓	
ENRIQUE BARRERA District 6		✓	
ED GARZA District 7		✓	
BONNIE CONNER District 8		✓	
TIM BANNWOLF District 9		✓	
DAVID CARPENTER District 10		✓	
HOWARD W. PEAK Mayor		✓	

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Interdepartmental Memorandum

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

FROM: Edward D. Garza, Council Member, District 7

COPIES TO: City Manager; City Attorney; Assistants to Mayor and Council; City Clerk; Director of Metropolitan Health District; File

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF ^{Aug. 3,} ~~JULY 27,~~ 2000
THE PLACEMENT OF A WATER FLUORIDATION REFERENDUM ON THE
BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000, GENERAL ELECTION

DATE: June 15, 2000

I respectfully request council concurrence directing staff to place on the City Council meeting agenda of ^{Aug. 3,} ~~July 27,~~ 2000, an item approving the placement on the November 7, 2000, general election ballot, a referendum that would approve the fluoridation of the San Antonio Water System drinking water.

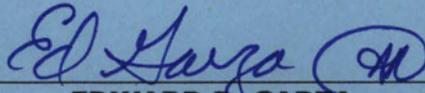
In *Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General*, released May 25, 2000, David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D. noted that "Community water fluoridation remains one of the great achievements of public health in the twentieth century—an inexpensive means of improving oral health that benefits all residents of a community, young and old, rich and poor alike."

A 1992 survey of San Antonio schoolchildren discovered that:

- 63% of children aged 12-13 years have experienced tooth decay.
- 83% of persons aged 17 years have evidence of present or past tooth decay.
- 37% of children aged 12-13 years had untreated tooth decay; 44% had restorations or extractions; 30% needed scaling/teeth cleaned.
- 11% (2,970) of children (6th & 7th grades) aged 12-13 years reported having had a toothache which caused them to miss school due to pain.
- 30% of children aged 12-13 years did not have a dental visit during the previous year; 13% had never had a dental visit.

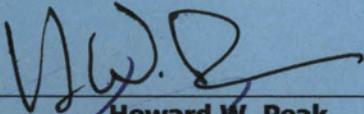
National studies have shown in communities without fluoridated water, children have 30% more cavities in baby teeth and adolescents have 25% more cavities than in those communities with fluoridation. The Department of Health & Human Services has stated that "the preponderance of scientific evidence, including several recent comprehensive scientific reviews, has consistently shown that water fluoridation is safe and effective, concluding time and again that the practice of fluoridating community water supplies at optimal levels reduces dental caries with no adverse health effects". It has also been shown that the lifetime cost of fluoridation per person is generally less than the cost of one dental filling thus improving health and saving money at the same time. San Antonio remains the largest non-fluoridated city in Texas and North America.

It is unconscionable if we, as the policymakers of the eighth largest city in the United States, do not act now to improve and protect the oral health of the most vulnerable members of the community, our children. Your support of this initiative is appreciated.

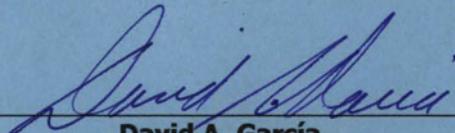


EDWARD D. GARZA
Council Member, District 7

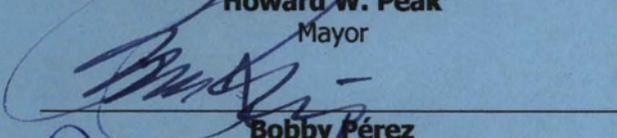
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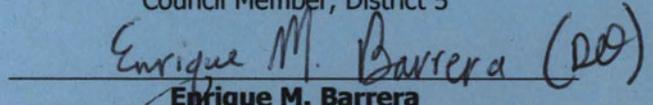
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Mayor



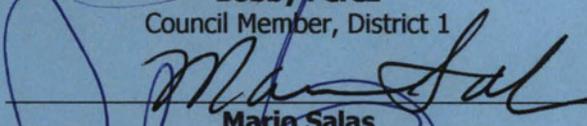
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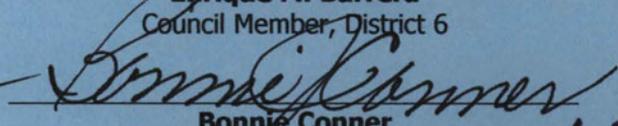
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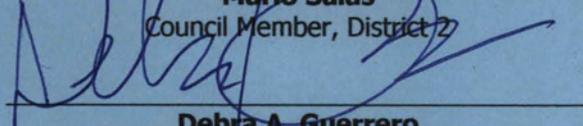
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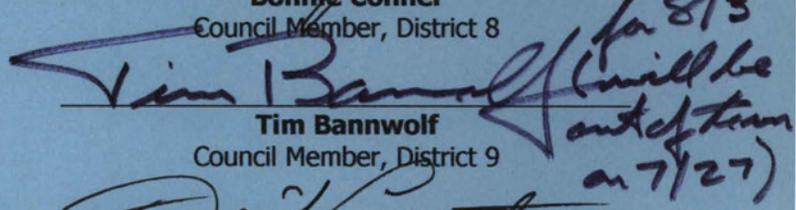
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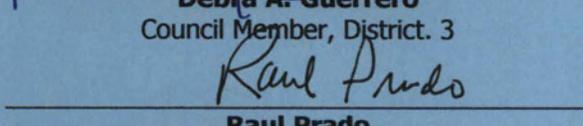


Debra A. Guerrero
Council Member, District. 3

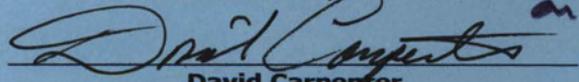


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Tim Bannwolf
Council Member, District 9



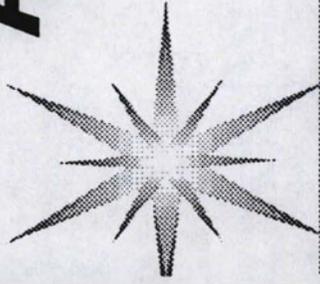
Raul Prado
Council Member, District 4



David Carpenter
Council Member, District 10

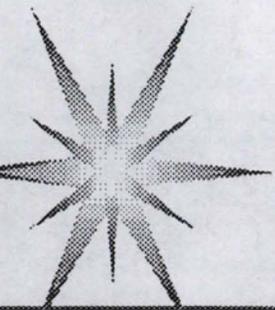
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**AN ORDINANCE CALLING
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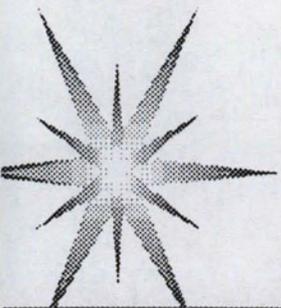
ITEM 6-A & B

AUGUST 3, 2000



BACKGROUND:

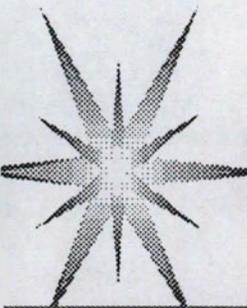
Through an 11 signature memorandum, the City Council directed City staff to place an item on the August 3, 2000 agenda.



PURPOSE:

Item A will do the following:

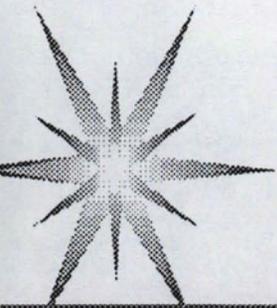
- Adopt an ordinance which directs suppliers of drinking water through piping systems to fluoridate all water supplies within their distribution systems located in City.**
- Ordinance effective only if approved by voters through an election.**



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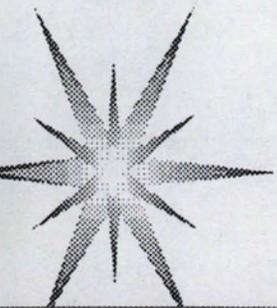
Item B will do the following:

- An ordinance calling for an election to be held jointly with the Bexar County's General Election on November 7, 2000 to give citizens an opportunity to vote their choice on the fluoridation issue.**



KEY DATES:

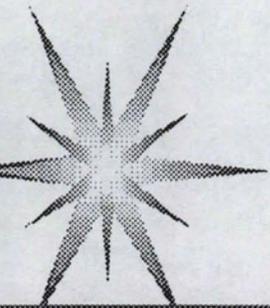
- Submission to the Department of Justice:
Thursday, AUGUST 17, 2000
- Last day to register to vote:
Tuesday, OCTOBER 10, 2000
 - October 7th falls on a weekend
 - October 9th is a holiday



KEY DATES *(Continued...)*

- First day of early voting:
Saturday, **OCTOBER 21, 2000**

- Last day of early voting:
Friday, **NOVEMBER 3, 2000**



RECOMMENDATION

- ▶ **It will be necessary for the City Council to approve the ordinance calling the special election in order to give proper notice to the Department of Justice.**