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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Councilman Justin Rodriguez, District 7

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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Governance Committee Agenda

DATE: July 22, 2008

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:

Your support is requested to direct the office of the City Clerk to develop draft language necessary for Council consideration of a Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee. The intent of the creation and implementation of a citizens committee for environmental issues is to collect information and ideas on the environment directly from the citizenry of San Antonio. The advisory committee will also ensure the full implementation of the City of San Antonio's Sustainability plan is done so with citizen input.

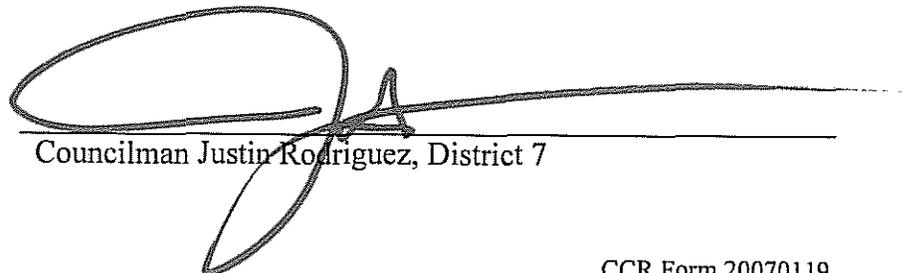
The integration of San Antonio's Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee will add value to recent environmental policy initiatives concerning environmental sensitivity such as those involving green building policies and practices and alternative fuel options for city vehicles and environmentally sensitive incentives for residents.

Brief Background

As communities across the nation become increasingly concerned with alternative energy sources and environmental issues, it becomes necessary to include citizen input in this growing public policy area. Currently, the city of Laredo, Texas seeks advisory input from such a committee concerning a variety of environmental issues and concerns from alternative fuel options to business and building practices to name a few.

Again, the intention of this action is to maximize the opportunity for citizens to have input as San Antonio implements effective environmental policy coterminous to the integration of the official City of San Antonio Sustainability plan. Your favorable support is appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration
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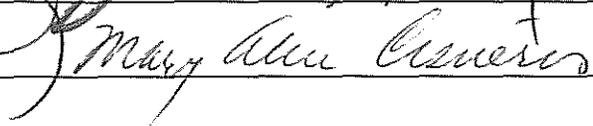


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Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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