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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 Meeting Agenda

DATE: January 10, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

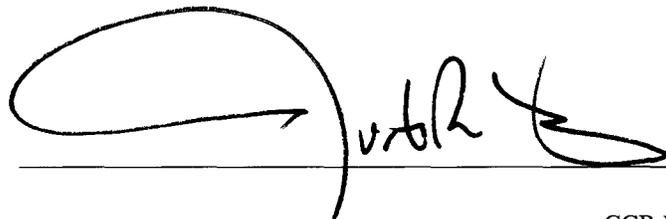
I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

To initiate the policy steps necessary that will create the City of San Antonio's comprehensive Environmental Action Agenda modeled after the City of Chicago's 2006 Environmental Action Agenda (Chicago's Green Initiative). The intent of the *San Antonio Green Initiative* is to commit the City to a wide range of environmental initiatives with the goal of improving the quality of life in San Antonio neighborhoods, conserving and protecting the City's natural resources, and, through the City's leadership and example, encouraging more San Antonians to make healthy, smart and environmentally conscious decisions in their homes and businesses such as solar energy choices and landscaped rooftops. It is the aim of the *San Antonio Green Initiative* to implement an aggressive strategy of the main tenants of the Chicago model, which include, but are not limited to, becoming a national leader in Green Building, a common sense approach to reducing dependence on fossil fuels, an increased commitment to sustainable infrastructure and a better quality of life through wise resource management.

Brief Background

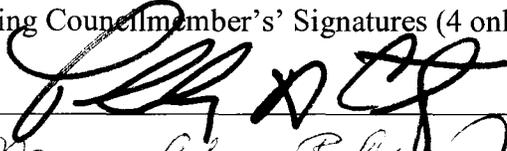
The City of San Antonio currently has several relevant activities that can complement the Chicago modeled *San Antonio Green Initiative*. Such environmentally conscious policy efforts will only enhance the progress made by the City of San Antonio's volunteer-driven green building program, the awareness of supporting more citywide LEED designations, the City's commitment to a long-term and large-scale implementation of solar technologies between now and 2015, and a commitment for the City to purchase more environmentally safe products. The *San Antonio Green Initiative* is much more than doing the right thing for the environment. Through the combined efforts of City government and San Antonio citizens, immediate impacts can be felt that help the City stretch tax payer dollars, save energy and fuel costs and spur private investment in neighborhoods. Your favorable consideration is therefore appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:



Supporting Councilmember's Signatures (4 only)

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