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SUBJECT: Veteran Owned Small Business Program

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Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda at the earliest available meeting of the **City Council**:

I respectfully ask for your concurrence in calling for an ordinance to serve the city’s compelling interest to promote economic inclusion through the development of a Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) Program.

The VOSB Ordinance shall require the City to establish:

1. A veteran-owned small business participation goal.
2. Assure that veteran-owned small businesses are solicited on bids for which the businesses may be suited.
3. Assure that participation by veteran-owned small businesses is appropriately factored into the evaluation of proposals for services, goods, or supplies.

Developing a VOSP Program will serve to maximize the economic vitality and development of the City of San Antonio.

Brief Background

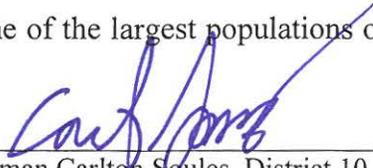
In 1999 Congress passed the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act. This legislation provided technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran-owned small businesses. To qualify as a VOSB, a business must be at least 51% owned by one or more eligible veterans; or at least 51% of the stock is owned by one or more veterans whose management and daily business operations are controlled by such veterans.

In 2003, Congress strengthened their Veteran legislation by developing a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Program (SDVOSB). This requires federal contracting agencies to establish and achieve a participation goal of 3% of the total value of all prime contracts and sub contract awards for each fiscal year. These federal programs have inspired other local governments to establish similar programs. For example the city of Pittsburgh created their VOSB Program which established a five percent participation goal. Likewise, Indianapolis, Indiana; Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Las Vegas, Nevada have all established similar ordinances.

Currently the City maintains a SBEDA Program which promotes greater availability and contract participation by small, minority, and women, business enterprises. Federal, state, and local governments have demonstrated that it is possible to have both SBEDA and VOSB policies. As Military City USA, we have a responsibility to make sure that are veterans are able to compete within our city. Especially, when the City of San Antonio’s Office of Military

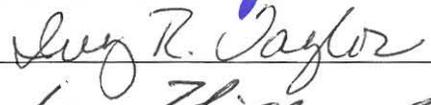
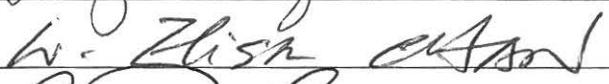
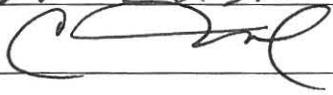
Affairs has identified San Antonio as one of the largest populations of military retirees with an economic impact of \$2 billion.

Submitted for Council consideration by:


Councilman Carlton Soules, District 10

Supporting Councilmember's Signatures (4 only)

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