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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilman Ray Lopez

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SUBJECT: Comprehensive Air Quality Policy Review

DATE: October 8, 2013

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:

Directing staff to research and make appropriate recommendations that would:

- (1) Proactively address ozone air pollution by creating an internal working group that specifically identifies ozone reduction opportunities for the region and the City of San Antonio; and
- (2) Support and coordinate all and any existing initiatives and programs that work to address ozone air pollution and identify additional measures that may be taken as they pertain to the City of San Antonio; and
- (3) Coordinate with relevant municipal partners and outside agencies in order to determine the reductions and control measures needed to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Brief Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets thresholds for ozone and five other air pollutants considered harmful to public health and the environment as required by the Clean Air Act. Collectively, these thresholds are referred to as the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The standards are subject to periodic review and may be modified if it is determined that they do not provide adequate protection of health and the environment. In addition to health and environmental issues, the consequences of failing to meet the NAAQS for ozone include mobility challenges and control strategy requirements that impact economic growth in the area's industry and manufacturing sectors.

It is understood that the city is participating in numerous activities that seek to identify the nature of the ozone problem in our region and the sources contributing to that problem. However because of factors deemed outside the scope of jurisdiction for the City of San Antonio, which include but are not limited to the potential for the EPA to modify the acceptable standards set within the NAAQS, and air emissions from beyond our local region,

it is believed that our region will likely be deemed a nonattainment area.

For those reasons I believe it imperative that the City of San Antonio proactively begin the dialogue with its partners in the development, identification and evaluation of potential control measures found within the Menu of Control Measures (MCM) that has been compiled by the State and Local Programs Group within U.S. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards and other appropriate measures.

Submitted for Council consideration
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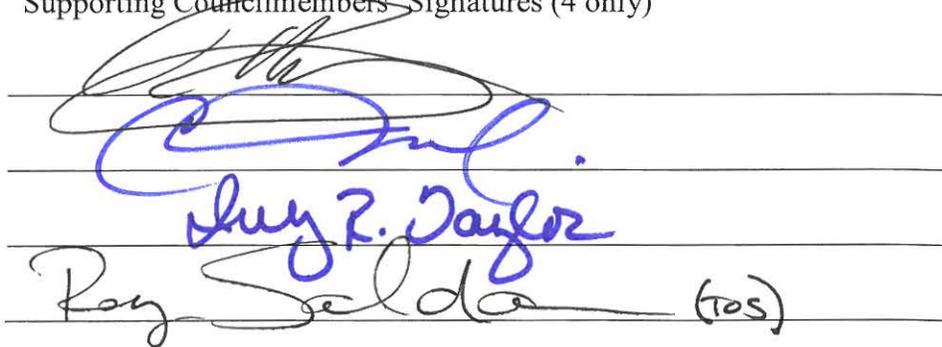
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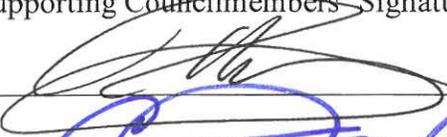
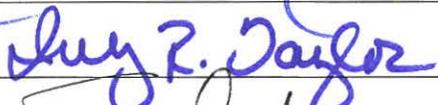
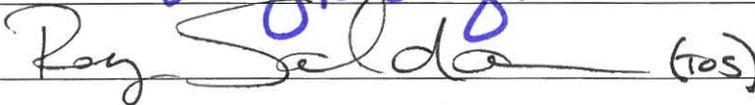


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