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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Governance Committee Agenda

DATE: March 11, 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 Finance to assess the feasibility of discontinuing the collection of the leased vehicle tax for senior citizens or those citizens eligible for the tax freeze in San Antonio as per Texas Tax Code § 11.252, added in the 77th Legislature in SB 248.

Brief Background

As our older residents continue to survive on fixed incomes, the opportunity to lessen their monthly financial responsibilities can go a very long way for them as they strive to maintain their financial independence. One such area that can be looked to in an effort to lessen such financial responsibility is in the area of the leased vehicle tax. The applicable state law that permits municipalities to have the option in the collection of this tax is Texas Tax Code § 11.252, added in the 77th Legislature in SB 248. The statute does allow municipalities to continue to collect property tax on leased vehicles if it adopted an ordinance providing for such taxation prior to January 1, 2002. Your support in determining whether it is feasible to discontinue such tax on behalf of our seniors on fixed incomes is therefore appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration by: Jennifer Ramos

Councilwoman Jennifer V. Ramos

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