

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



This election: Mayor, City Council, and School Board

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This guide contains any publicly available information about the candidates that was accessible at the time of printing. Additional information may become available as the campaigns progress - if you have any questions or concerns about a candidate's position on an issue you care about, you can always do additional research (a few resources are provided in this guide) or contact a campaign directly! Candidates welcome dialogue with voters and are generally happy to answer your questions.



Ways to research candidates:

- Keep an eye on your local news - you may find interviews with candidates, information about issues being debated in the campaign, and advance notice of events like town halls.
- Use the candidate's online presence - we've provided these links whenever they're available. Browse through their website to see what issues they care about, check out their social media profiles, and if they've run for office before, search their name on Ballotpedia.org, a huge database of election information. The city government website, school board website, and/or Board of Elections website for your area should also have some information about candidates and incumbents. If you don't have access to the internet where you reside, your local library or community center can help you out.
- If a candidate has ever served (or is currently serving) in state or federal office, you can access their voting record by searching their name on VoteSmart.org.
- Contact the campaign directly - if a candidate has a website, they will usually have a campaign email address (and sometimes a campaign office phone number) as well. You can ask questions that way, send a message on social media, or attend a campaign event.



MAYOR OF SAN ANTONIO



The Mayor serves as the city's chief executive, with the City Council serving as its legislative body. In addition to signing or vetoing legislation brought to their desk by the Council, the Mayor largely sets the Council's policy agenda, and serves as the city's representative to the state and country when necessary. In San Antonio, Mayor and City Council are elected to two-year terms and limited to four terms (except for those who were in office in November 2008, who are limited to two terms). Duties of the Mayor include:

1. Proposing a budget
2. Signing legislation into law, or vetoing legislation as they see fit
3. Appointing departmental directors
4. Overseeing the city's day-to-day operations
5. Making an annual report to the city council
6. Officially representing the city on the state, national and international levels
7. Enforcing city laws and ordinances

Sources for the below candidate information include a Rivard Report interview with all candidates, the candidates' websites when available, and the candidates' public/campaign social media profiles when available.

<https://therivardreport.com/san-antonio-meet-your-2019-mayoral-candidates/>

You will select one (1) candidate from the list below. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

JOHN VELASQUEZ

John Velasquez is a licensed clinical psychologist who has practiced in San Antonio for over 20 years. He specializes in disability evaluation for veterans and psychotherapy. He ran for Mayor in 2017, and has been active in the Texas Democratic Party as a county and state delegate. He cites his experience as a psychologist, speaking with thousands of San Antonio residents from all walks of life, as giving him a window into the concerns and priorities of all the city's communities.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Increasing access to mental health care
- Reducing carbon emissions, and other initiatives to mitigate the effects of climate change
- If elected, pledges to immediately introduce several proposals to ease traffic congestion (which will also reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality)
- Supports recent city measures to reduce tobacco use
- Continue the current Mayor's advocacy for the LGBTQ community, and advocate for immigrant and indigenous communities



Find out more about John:

Facebook - "Velasquez4SAMayor," @Velasquez4SAMayor

RON NIRENBERG (INCUMBENT)

Mayor Nirenberg has served since 2017. Before he was elected Mayor, he represented District 8 on City Council for 2 terms. Before entering public service, he founded two small businesses and was Program Director for the Annenberg Public Policy Center. In his first term he has focused on improving transportation infrastructure and reducing traffic, reducing violent crime, and increasing job growth and development in "21st century" industries.

His priorities for his second term, if elected, are the following:

- Affordable housing solutions
- Addressing generational poverty and reinvesting in underserved communities
- Identifying priorities for each district and creating a strong 2020 budget
- Appoint citizen volunteers to serve on city boards and commissions
- Continue the ConnectSA transportation plan
- Implement AlamoPromise, an education and workforce training initiative for local graduates
- Strengthening and enforcing ethics rules

Find out more about Ron:

Campaign website - voteron.com

Facebook - "Mayor Ron Nirenberg," @nirenberg

Twitter - @Ron_Nirenberg

Instagram - @ron_nirenberg

MATT PIÑA

Matt Piña works in sales, and has a Masters degree in Political Science from UTSA. He has served on San Antonio's Transportation Advisory Board and recently ran for Texas Land Commission, the first millennial to appear on a Texas statewide ballot. He is passionate about community service and has volunteered with several community organizations, most frequently SAYouth.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Affordable housing - freezing the city portion of property taxes for homesteads, stop subsidies for large corporate developers
- Improving infrastructure, particularly mass transit, while keeping the burden off taxpayers
- Foster as much public participation as possible - implement participatory budgeting, make Council meetings more accessible, ending Tobacco 21, ending all regulations that leave citizens "unable to direct their own private lives and budgets"
- Public safety - increasing hiring and improving training for the police



force; address the root causes of violent crime with education and economic opportunity initiatives

- Stop the “Alamo Reimagine” plans
- Begin implementing a plan to provide primary healthcare to residents without insurance
- Implement multiple proposals to fight climate change, reduce waste, and make the city more eco-friendly

Find out more about Matt:

Campaign website - mattpina.com

Facebook - “Matt Pina for Mayor of San Antonio,” @VoteMattPina

Twitter - @VoteMattPina

Instagram - @matt4mayor

MICHAEL “COMMANDER” IDROGO

Michael Idrogo is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of Commander. He previously ran for Mayor in 2017. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

GREG BROCKHOUSE

Greg Brockhouse is a small business owner and the current representative of District 6 on the City Council, a position he was elected to in 2017. He is also an Air Force veteran, and has served as a Council aide and Chief of Staff. His campaign is focused on a “back to basics” approach to local governance.

He identifies the following priorities:

- Job creation, fighting wage inequality, investing in workforce education
- Lower property tax rates and fee reductions
- Fully funding the police and fire departments
- Being a “neighborhoods first” mayor - focusing on infrastructure, and community and district-specific priorities
- Full and total transparency in government
- If elected, pledges to order an immediate review of all taxes and fees being levied by the city

Find out more about Greg:

Campaign website - gregbrockhouse.com

Facebook - “Councilman Greg Brockhouse,” @councilmangregbrockhouse

Twitter - @GregBrockhouse

Instagram - @councilmangregbrockhouse



TIM ATWOOD

Tim Atwood is a veteran educator, currently teaching middle school Spanish. He describes himself as a “common sense, conservative independent” focused on fiscal responsibility, and pledges not to fundraise or accept donations for his campaign as a statement against what he considers the city’s excessive borrowing, spending, and debt.

- His campaign is focused on the following priorities:
- Reining in the city’s debt and reducing spending
- Healing tensions between the city and the firefighter’s union
- Finding affordable housing solutions
- Communicating openly with colleagues at City Hall

Find out more about Tim:

This candidate does not have an online presence at the time of printing. Check your local news sources for more information about him as the campaign progresses. You can reach the campaign by mail at: PO Box 40491, San Antonio TX, 78229.

CARLOS CASTANUELA

Carlos Castanuela is a San Antonio native who currently works in manufacturing.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Infrastructure
- Support for public education
- Increased funding for the police department
- Affordable housing
- Enforcing the city’s panhandling law

Find out more about Carlos:

This candidate does not have an online presence at the time of printing. Check your local news sources for more information about him as the campaign progresses.

BERT CECCONI

Bert Cecconi is a retired dentist and business owner, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He identifies as a progressive and has been involved in local politics for over 35 years. He has run for City Council several times, most recently in 2017.

- His campaign is focused on the following priorities:
- Offering free junior college tuition with no tax increase
- Removing the evergreen clause from all future city contracts
- Repair relations with the firefighters union



- Continuing to work with the state on the Alamo Project
- Advancing progressive policy ideas across all areas

Find out more about Bert:

This candidate does not have an online presence at the time of printing. Check your local news sources for more information about him as the campaign progresses. You can reach the campaign by mail at: 11107 Wurzbach, suite 601-A, San Antonio TX, 78230

ANTONIO “TONY” DIAZ

Antonio Diaz is an independent contract driver and human/civil rights activist. His activism is focused on voting rights, poverty, and the concerns of working people. He has organized voter registration drives for citizens awaiting trial dates at the Bexar County Jail who could not post bail, and for returning citizens after incarceration. He has expressed support for all three of the firefighters union’s recent ballot initiatives, the city’s nondiscrimination ordinance, and the city’s decision that San Antonio’s police not act as federal officers for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He is a member of the Green Party.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Returning Council meetings to the previous starting time, which was more accessible for working people
- Opposing the Vista Ridge water pipeline plan
- Advocate for human and civil rights
- Promote all initiatives that will make participation in government more accessible to working people

Find out more about Tony:

Green Party candidate profile - https://www.gp.org/antonio_diaz

Facebook - “Antonio Diaz,” @AntonioDiazSA



SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL



Council members are your voice in local government, and their decisions influence almost every aspect of your public life, such as public transit, infrastructure, local taxes, social services, public schools, and local law enforcement. Members are elected to two-year terms, with a limit of two terms. Some of their responsibilities include:

1. Determine policy in the fields of planning, traffic, public works, finance, social services, and recreation
2. Adopt the budget, set tax rates, collect revenues, and make appropriations;
3. Appoint and remove the leaders and officials of many departments, agencies and boards in city/town government
4. Passing legislation, or adopting ordinances/resolutions
5. Making land use and zoning decisions

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DISTRICT 1

Alan Dennis Inchaurregui

Alan Inchaurregui is a retired military educator. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Raymond Zavala

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Oscar Magaña

Oscar Magaña is an International Trade Specialist, with an emphasis on supporting small and medium-sized businesses. He is also an Air Force veteran, and was stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base. He holds his MBA in International Business from Texas A&M, and has served as the President of the Alamo Young Government leaders organization.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Supporting all education initiatives, especially professional development opportunities
- Supporting veteran-owned businesses and other veteran community initiatives



Find out more about Oscar:
Campaign website: voteoscard1.com
Facebook: "Oscar Magana"

Brad Kessler

Brad Kessler is a contractor, community organizer, and small business owner. He is committed to community service and has volunteered at many nonprofits both locally and out of state, including the Red Cross, the Humane Society, Goodwill, and assisting in disaster relief efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Harvey. At 22 years of age, he is the one of the youngest candidates in the race and counts his new voice and fresh ideas as a strength.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities (partial list - check out his website for the full platform):

- Support for law enforcement and the city's military installations
- Tax cuts for business and property owners while balancing the budget
- Full funding and support for firefighters
- Making San Antonio a more green and eco-friendly city
- On the Alamo - "remembrance over re-imagining"
- Affordable housing
- Legalizing medical marijuana
- Advocating for LGBTQ rights, and nondiscrimination/equality policies that protect all residents
- Modernizing public transportation and the airport
- Supporting senior citizens
- Promoting arts and culture initiatives

Find out more about Brad:
Campaign website - kesslerforsanantonio.com
Facebook - "Brad Kessler for San Antonio City Council District 1," @Kessler4SanAntonio
Twitter - @KESSLER4SATX

Justin Holley

Justin Holley works in hospitality management, and owns a business consulting San Antonio hotels. Originally from Wisconsin, he began working in San Antonio in 2001 and moved here full-time in 2016. His career has allowed him to meet San Antonio residents from all walks of life and he has been involved in several community organizations since he made the city his home. If elected, he will make economic development and opportunity his first priority, using the experience gained in his field to develop partnerships across the public and private sector and thoughtfully consider solutions from all sides.



Learn more about Justin:

Campaign website - votejustinholley.com

Facebook - "Vote Justin Holley District 1," @JustinHolleyD1

Colton Uden

Colton Uden, at age 18, is the youngest candidate in this race, and has been working in politics since he was 12. He was born into a military family, and began his public service by interning at two state capitals, first in the Kansas House of Representatives, and then in the North Carolina senate. At age 16, he collaborated with the Mayor of Euless, Texas to establish the framework for a Youth Advisory Board, and was later elected unanimously to the Youth Advisory Commission in Leavenworth, Kansas. He now lives in San Antonio. He is a student majoring in Urban Planning and Sustainability, an activist in the LGBTQ community, and a Starbucks barista. He identifies as a Democratic Socialist.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Creating a new Department of Human Rights and a new position of Public Advocate, to protect the civil rights of all marginalized communities, collaborating with all other city departments and agencies to do so
- Comprehensive environmental platform, addressing food waste, creating new renewable energy sources, and many other green initiatives
- Establishing Tenant Councils to protect tenants' rights, implement Housing Authority reforms, and appropriate significant funds to address homelessness
- Creating modern and sustainable infrastructure and public transit
- Reform the property tax system to shift the burden off low-income taxpayers
- Expanding first responder benefits
- Maintain San Antonio's sanctuary city status
- Reform the city's social programs (details on his website)
- Support workers rights and advocate for a living wage

Find out more about Colton:

Campaign website: coltonunden.org

Twitter: @UdenColton

Lauro A Bustamante

Lauro Bustamante is an attorney in private practice, and previously ran for this seat in 2017. He has also run for Congress, the 4th Court of Appeals, the 224th District Court, and Bexar County Commissioners Court. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.



Roberto C Treviño (Incumbent)

Roberto Treviño was first appointed to represent District 1 in 2014, later winning a full term in 2015. He is an architect.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Supporting the Alamo plan while incorporating public input
- Advocating for the LGBTQ community
- Supporting homelessness reduction programs, affordable housing initiatives, and all programs that support homeowners
- Advocating for safe and accessible public transportation
- Continuing to push for “smart growth” in the downtown area and throughout his district

Find out more about Roberto:

Campaign website: voterobertotrevino.com

Facebook: “Roberto C. Treviño, City Councilman District 1,” @RCT.D1SATX

Twitter: Trevino_D1

Richard Gonzales

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

DISTRICT 2

Joseph Powell

On his campaign Facebook page (below), Joseph Powell has discussed the following issues:

- Climate justice and making the city greener
- Raising the minimum wage, and addressing the gender pay gap
- Food deserts and other quality-of-life disparities from neighborhood to neighborhood in the district (also known as “economic segregation”)
- Addressing homelessness and the opioid epidemic
- Affordable housing
- Promoting accountability and transparency at City Hall

Find out more about Joseph:

Facebook - “Joseph Powell for City Council,” @powellforcitycouncil



Jada L Andrews-Sullivan

Jada Andrews-Sullivan is an Army veteran and motivational speaker. A San Antonio native, her priority is to foster an “inclusive, safe, welcoming community” in District 2.

Her campaign has identified the following priorities:

- Infrastructure repairs in the district such as street lamps, sidewalks, and roads
- Ramp up public safety efforts by partnering with both law enforcement and the community to build a positive relationship on all sides
- Transparency in government
- Supporting the unique culture of the district, and ensuring that development does not endanger the homes, businesses, and communities that have roots in the district
- Fighting over-development and supporting small businesses

Find out more about Jada:

Campaign website - jadafordistrict2.org

Facebook - “Jada Andrews-Sullivan for City Council District 2”

Richard Anthony Ramey

Richard Ramey is a student pursuing a degree in counseling. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Keith A Toney

Keith Toney was appointed to the Council in 2014, serving 4 months. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Facebook (not recently updated) - “Keith A. Toney,” @CouncilmanKeithAToney

Salena Santibanez Guipzot

Salena Guipzot - is the President and CEO of a consulting business. On her campaign Facebook page, she has discussed the following issues:

- Affordable housing and homelessness
- Reforming the property tax system
- Public safety, particularly regarding children going to and from school
- Promoting nondiscrimination ordinances

Find out more about Salena:

Campaign website - under construction, check back soon



Facebook - "VoteSalenaD2"
Twitter - @VoteSalenaD2
Instagram - @VoteSalenaD2

Denise Gutierrez-Homer

Denise Gutierrez-Homer is a teacher and interior designer. On her campaign Facebook page, she states: "our campaign is about bringing our neighbors together and representing our community." Check back as the campaign progresses for more information about her platform.

Facebook - "Denise Gutierrez-Homer for City Council District 2"

Walter E Perry Sr

Walter Perry Sr is a student, and has also worked for San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside, an organization that advocates for sustainable growth that improves the quality of life for individuals, families and businesses on the city's Eastside. He also founded Suit Up!, a program that collects gently used professional attire for teens and adults who are entering or re-entering the workforce. He is focused on fighting gentrification and promoting affordable housing and increased economic and educational opportunities for the district.

If elected, he pledges the following:

- To give every district resident the opportunity to be heard in Council
- To act with trust, fairness and integrity
- To advocate for the rights and liberties of residents
- To be innovative and open-minded
- To prioritize investing in the district's youth

Find out more about Walter:

Campaign website - perry4thepeople.com

Twitter - @Vote4Walter

More about the Suit Up! Project - <https://www.awesomefoundation.org/en/projects/70160-suit-up>

Ruben I Arciniega

Ruben Arciniega is a Program Coordinator at the University of Texas - San Antonio, and a former restaurant owner. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.



DISTRICT 3

Rebecca Viagran - Incumbent

Rebecca Viagran was first elected to represent District 3 in 2013. She was born and raised in District 3, and her family traces their roots back to the Alamo. In her time on the Council, she has focused on education (pushing for the new UIW Medical School and growing the Texas A&M campus), reviving Stinson airport and the Brooks City Bases (resulting in new jobs), and promoting the unique culture of the district after its recent UNESCO World Heritage designation.

If re-elected, she will continue to push for responsible development that brings jobs to the district, more support for infrastructure repairs, and quality education.

Find out more about Rebecca:

Campaign website - rebeccaviagran.com

Facebook - "Rebecca Viagran," @VoteforRebecca

Twitter - @VoteViagran

Elizabeth "Liz" Campos

Liz Campos is a lifelong resident of District 3. She has worked as a legal administrator, and as the Chief of Staff to State Senator Carlos Uresti. She got her first job at the age of 17 to support her family after the death of her father, and as an adult she became a homeowner in the district. She previously ran for this seat in 2011.

Her campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Infrastructure - ensuring the district is "walkable, safe, and receives its fair share" for basic services
- Transparency and accountability - if elected, pledges to have an open-door policy for constituents
- Advocating for balanced growth and incorporating community input into all development plans
- Fully funding first responders
- Property tax reform
- Fighting for equity and fairness in how the Council selects projects, programs, and funding for each district

Find out more about Liz:

Campaign website - lizcampos.com

Facebook - "Vote Liz Campos"



DISTRICT 4

Johnny Arredondo

Johnny Arredondo is a San Antonio native, recently retired from his career as a retail supervisor and college basketball referee.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:
Supporting law enforcement and first responders
Protecting taxpayers and reforming the property tax system
Holding elected officials accountable to voters

Find out more about Johnny:
Campaign website - votejohnny.org

Samantha “Sami” Sanchez

Sami Sanchez is a quality and proposal specialist, and describes her focus as “designing innovative solutions for non-profits and government agencies.” She is also an advocate for minorities in STEM fields. Check back as her campaign progresses for more information about her platform.

Find out more about Sami:
Twitter - @SamiSanchezSATX

Genevieve Trinidad

Genevieve Trinidad is a retired educator and lifelong resident of San Antonio. Her campaign is focused on education and initiatives supporting young people. Check back as her campaign progresses for more information about her platform.

Find out more about Genevieve:
Facebook - “Genevieve Trinidad District4 SA,” @StandingUp4ChildrenSouthSanSA

Adriana Rocha Garcia, PhD

Adriana Garcia is the outgoing chair of the city’s Ethics Review Board, a professor of Marketing, and former Director of Public Relations at the Southwest ISD. As the Chair of the ERB, she led the successful campaign to implement wide-ranging ethics reforms adopted by the Council last year.

Her campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Community development - “let’s work together to help others realize our



district's potential”

- Continued momentum for the investment and development in the district
- Economic and workforce development opportunities that directly benefit residents

Find out more about Adriana:

Campaign website - adrianagarcia.org

Facebook - “Adriana Rocha Garcia, Ph.D. for City Council District 4,” @DrA4SA

Twitter - @DrA4SA

Joel Mendoza

Joel Mendoza works in sales. He is very involved in his District 4 community, having engaged in crime watch meetings in his neighborhood since 2014. He says “we need to begin with our foundation, which is revitalizing our communities.”

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Addressing homelessness
- Implementing outreach programs for veterans, youth, and senior citizens
- Create a trusting relationship between residents and local law enforcement to improve public safety

Find out more about Joel:

Campaign website - joel4district4.org

Facebook - “Joel Mendoza- Joel 4 District 4 San Antonio City Council,” @joel4district4

DISTRICT 5

Anthony Gres

Anthony Gres is a business owner. Check back as the campaign progresses for more information about his platform.

Find out more about Anthony:

Facebook - “Vote Anthony Gres District 5 Councilman”

Nazirite Ruben F Perez

Nazirite Perez is an Army veteran and licensed paralegal, retired from his career in San Antonio municipal government. Most recently, he served as a Board Member on the San Antonio River Authority. He has also served as the President of the San Antonio chapter of his union, the American Federation of State, Municipal, and County Employees, and recently ran for a place on the Texas Railroad Commission.



His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Quality of life issues, especially public safety and crime reduction
- Environmental issues
- Economic development coupled with fiscal responsibility

Find out more about Nazirite:

Campaign website - voteperez.info

Shirley Gonzales - Incumbent

Shirley Gonzales was first elected to represent District 5 in 2013. She owns and operates her family's small business.

If re-elected, she will continue to push for the following priorities:

- Services for senior citizens - established the Normoyle Senior Center, allocated funds to rehabilitate seniors' homes, initiated a program to make access to services more convenient
- Public safety - will continue to push for more hiring and funding in the police force and promote Vision Zero; added significant funds for street lighting in the district
- Infrastructure - increased funding district-wide for streets, sidewalks and parks, including the transformation of Elmendorf Park
- Support for young people - organized back to school supply events, secured funding for scholarships to national mock trial for district students
- Better jobs - will continue to promote entrepreneurship and small business development; led the living wage increase for city employees, supported the Westside Education Training Center

Find out more about Shirley:

Campaign website - electshirley.com

Facebook - "District 5- Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales," @ShirleyGonzalesD5

Twitter - @CWSHirleyG

Jilma (Jill) Davila

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

DISTRICT 6

Mario Adame

Mario Adame is an after school program specialist in the Northside ISD, and volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate with Child Advocates San Antonio. He comes from a military family and was born and raised in San Antonio. He has also



authored and published three collections of poetry. After seeing the low voter turnout statistics in the last municipal election, he was inspired to run for office and encourage increased voter participation in his district.

Find out more about Mario:

Campaign website - marioadame.com

Facebook - "Mario Adame For San Antonio City Council District 6," @mariofordistrict6

Twitter - @_marioadame

Melissa Cabello Havrda

Melissa Havrda is an attorney and lifelong resident of District 6. She previously ran for this seat in 2017. Of her vision for the district, she says: "Strong schools must be surrounded by strong neighborhoods to break the cycle of poverty, so future generations have the option to 'move home.'"

If elected, she pledges to work to:

- Reduce crime
- Increase investments in the district's infrastructure and basic needs, such as sidewalks and green spaces
- Find solutions to traffic and congestion
- Address flooding issues
- Support under-performing schools
- Promote economic development and living wage jobs, to offset the rising cost of living in the district

Find out more about Melissa:

Campaign website - melissaforsa.com

Facebook - "Vote Melissa for City Council District 6," @MelissaforDistrict6

Twitter - @Melissafor6

Andy Greene

Andy Greene is a Certified Public Accountant. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Robert Herrera

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.



DISTRICT 7

Will McLeod

Will McLeod is a journalist. He previously ran for Mayor in 2017. He says his campaign is about “getting back to basics, and holding City agencies accountable.”

If elected, he will start by introducing measures to:

- Rethink the public transit system, starting with the buses
- Ensure Council meetings are recorded and aired on all public access channels, so they are accessible to all residents
- Establish a “Social Media Bill of Rights,” protecting social media posts as freedom of speech
- Reform the EMS billing system - “EMS services should not cause a citizen to file for bankruptcy.”

Find out more about Will:

Campaign youtube channel (interviews with the candidate, etc) - mcleodfor7.com

Trevor Whitney

Trevor Whitney is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and holds a Master’s in Public affairs from UT-Austin. He is a San Antonio native and 5th-generation Texan. He is a small business owner and has worked at the City and State level consulting on economic development, budgeting, and small business issues. He is also heavily involved in local veterans organizations.

His “4 Steps 4 San Antonio” are:

1. Proposes a blanket 1% reduction in the 2020 budget in all areas except police and fire services, after which the voters will be invited to provide input on how to spend the extra money, or eliminate it from the budget altogether.
2. Support veterans with a variety of initiatives, most notably targeted tax exemptions (details outlined on his website)
3. Rigorously examine all economic incentive agreements, and vote no on any agreement that does not include substantial workforce investments that “prioritize hiring of local talent and that prepare our citizens for the jobs of the 21st century. Unpaid internships for students are not enough.”
4. Encourage the Council to “stop chasing squirrels” - he disapproves of the current Council’s tendency to quickly pass policies not proposed to, for, and by voters without sufficient public scrutiny.

Find out more about Trevor:

Campaign website - trevor4sa.com



Facebook - "Trevor Whitney for District 7," @Trevor4SA
Twitter - @TWhitneySATA

Ana Sandoval - Incumbent

Ana Sandoval was first elected to represent District 7 in 2017. She is a Fulbright Scholar, holds degrees from MIT, Stanford and Harvard, and works as a public health scientist. She has worked with and trained staff in 101 cities and counties. She currently chairs the City's Public Safety Committee.

If re-elected, she will continue her commitment to the following priorities:

- Increased infrastructure funding, always prioritizing projects by greatest need
- Increased resources for patrol and SAFFE officers and community policing programs
- Advocating for as much community input as possible in development planning; promoting responsible development that protects natural resources and the unique character of the district's neighborhoods
- Being a "full-time councilwoman:" returning correspondence promptly, holding regular town hall meetings, have evening office hours accessible to working families, hosting events to inform residents of services available to them

Find out more about Ana:

Campaign website - anasandoval.org

Facebook - "Councilwoman Ana Sandoval," @AnaSandovalSATX

Twitter - @AnaSandovalSATX

Kimberly Grant

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

DISTRICT 8

Manny Pelaez - Incumbent

Manny Pelaez was first elected to represent District 8 in 2017. He is an attorney, and has represented homeowners and homeowner associations, small businesses, and major employers who have brought jobs to San Antonio. In addition to his time on Council, he has served as a Trustee on various transportation boards, and is currently a director on the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

If re-elected, he will continue his commitment to the following priorities:

- Pushing for greater infrastructure funding and reducing traffic
- Holding rogue developers accountable



- Hiring new first responders and improving public safety
- Bringing new jobs to the district
- Initiatives to support veterans
- Push for passage of his proposed bill, requiring a comprehensive property tax review; holding trainings for homeowners on how to appeal unfair appraisals

Find out more about Manny:

Campaign website - vote4manny.com

Facebook - "Manny Pelaez," @vote4manny

Twitter - @District8Manny

Tony Valdivia

Tony Valdivia is currently a Senior Reporting Analyst at USAA Bank, and also works at a military families support organization. He has served as the district's representative to the city's Neighborhood Improvements Advisory Board, as the district's Special Projects Coordinator, and on the board of MOVE Texas Civic Education Foundation, a nonprofit giving young people a voice in politics.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Accessibility and respect for all constituents, and total transparency in Council decision-making
- Traffic solutions
- Property tax relief, annual review of utilities services, and protecting property rights
- 3-step plan for economic opportunity (read more on his website)
- Seeking solutions to homelessness and mental health care
- Supporting veterans
- Equal rights for all

Find out more about Tony:

Campaign website - votetonyv.com

Facebook - "Tony Valdivia," @VoteTonyV

Twitter - @VoteTonyV

Frankie Gonzales-Wolfe

Frankie Gonzales-Wolfe is a business owner and political consultant. She has worked in the financial services industry, most notably for one of the city's largest companies servicing the military community, and in politics as an intern, campaign strategist and campaign manager, on local, state and national campaigns.

Her campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Traffic solutions
- Increased infrastructure funding geared towards technology,



beautification, and community safety

- Economic development focused on small, locally-owned businesses
- Community grown projects for property tax reform, homelessness, mental health services, and support for first responders
- Equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination

Find out more about Frankie:

Campaign website - frankiefor8.com

Facebook - "Frankie Gonzales-Wolfe for District 8," @frankiefor8

Twitter - @FrankieFor8

DISTRICT 9

Nicholas Balderas

Nicholas Balderas is a software developer and real estate agent. His career began with his first high school job at H-E-B, bagging groceries. He was promoted to team leader and pharmacy technician, and after completing an intensive training program was selected for a Software Developer position at the company's downtown development center. He volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters San Antonio, and as an exhibit guide at the Witte Museum.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

Community safety

Advocating for skills-based, technological, and vocational education initiatives to better prepare students for the changing workforce

Innovative solutions to transportation issues, and increasing the city's walkability through strategic development and infrastructure investment

Find out more about Nicholas:

Campaign website - votebalderas9.com

Facebook - "Nicholas Balderas for City Council District 9," @votebalderas9

Twitter - @votebalderas9

John Courage - Incumbent

John Courage was first elected to represent District 9 in 2017. He is an Air Force veteran and retired educator, and has held a variety of educational leadership roles throughout his career, including on the Alamo Community College District Board, San Antonio Teachers' Council Board, the San Antonio Literacy Commission, and as a delegate to the National Education Association's convention.



If re-elected, he will continue to focus on the following issues:

- Implementing the District 9 People's Budget, in which district residents have a direct say in how over \$2M in tax dollars should be spent
- Transparency in elections - authored two ordinances addressing proof of residency for candidates and disclosures for large campaign contributions
- Increased funding for public safety and infrastructure ensuring pedestrian safety (resulting in a reduction in property crimes, violent crimes, and mail theft in the district)
- Maintaining an open-door policy for constituents and creating community committees to address various issues

Find out more about John:

Campaign website - couragefor9.com

Facebook - "John Courage for District 9," @couragefor9

Twitter - @couragefor9

Richard Reza Versace

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Patrick Von Dohlen

Patrick Von Dohlen is a financial advisor and community advocate. Since he began his advocacy in 2010, he has attended hundreds of Council meetings, Citizens Be Heard sessions, and committee gatherings. His activism has resulted in the preservation of local neighborhoods through zoning adherence, increased accountability and transparency in the budgeting process, and an amendment requiring that all streetcar and light rail proposals be approved by citizen vote.

His campaign is focused on the following priorities:

- Accountability and transparency - citizens referendums, limits on the ability of a city employee or their spouse to serve on a city commission
- Reducing spending and debt in the city budget
- Increased investment in infrastructure without raising taxes
- Public safety - full funding for the police department; working to foster trust between the police and the community
- Small business advocacy

Find out more about Patrick:

Campaign website - patrickvondohlen.com

Facebook - "Vote Patrick," @VotePatrickSA



DISTRICT 10

Clayton Perry - Incumbent

Clayton Perry was first elected to represent District 10 in 2017. He served over 20 years in the Air Force as a Civil Engineer, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He then began a career in construction and environmental engineering and became involved in his community, serving on various neighborhood associations and boards. Most recently he served as the District's representative on the Building Standards Board and the 2017-2022 Bond Committee.

If re-elected, he will continue to focus on the following priorities:

- Focus on basic city services
- Maintaining infrastructure
- Increasing safety and security by hiring more first responders
- Prioritizing critical expansion areas
- Increasing park space and connectivity
- Pushing for a homestead exemption to offset rising property taxes

Find out more about Clayton:

Campaign website - claytonperry.org

Facebook - "Councilman Clayton Perry, District 10," @district10perry

Twitter - @district10perry

Elise Kibler

Elise Kibler is a pediatrician. No further information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check your local news sources for updates as the campaign progresses.

Reinette King

Reinette King is a real estate investor, and worked as a contractor with Randolph AFB for over 30 years. After leaving this job to become a full-time caregiver for her mother, she began public service by joining the board of her local homes association. She was later elected President, made many community partnerships, and was appointed as the District 10 Zoning Commissioner. She describes her campaign as "back to basics...I am a community leader who will work to find constructive solutions for our community's challenges."

Find out more about Reinette:

Campaign website - kingcampaign.net



Maria Perez

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check back for more information as the campaign progresses.

Find out more about Maria:

Facebook - "Maria Perez for City of San Antonio Council District 10," @MariaPerez-forDistrict10

Linda Montellano

No information is available about this candidate at the time this guide was printed. Check back for more information as the campaign progresses.

Find out more about Linda:

Facebook - "Linda Montellano for City Council District 10," @votelinda10

SAN ANTONIO AREA SCHOOL BOARDS



School boards are elected bodies that adopt policy for the daily operation of schools and sees that school laws are properly explained, enforced and observed. The school district is divided into voting districts, and School Board Members are elected from each district. The posts are unpaid, which ensures candidates are committed to the job. The School Board makes important decisions that impact students, teachers, and parents, such as:

1. Hires and/or fires the superintendent;
2. Develops and adopts policies, curriculum, and the district budget;
3. Approves contracts for teachers and outside vendors;
4. Establishes a vision and strategic plan for the school district;
5. Expands the district or decide to close schools;
6. Approving a budget for the school district;
7. Approving the annual school calendar and school operating times; and
8. Determining school boundaries.

The City of San Antonio and Bexar County are divided into a number of Independent School Districts, or ISD's. The school board election you vote in is determined by the residential address that appears on your voter registration. You can use the map tool on this website to find out which ISD you're in.

https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/General_Information/School_District_Locator/School_District_Locator/

This article provides information about several races and candidates:

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/education/article/San-Antonio-area-school-board-races-crowd-May-4-13629158.php>

ALAMO HEIGHTS ISD

This year, places 1 and 2 are up for election. Both seats are elected at-large, so you will select one (1) candidate for each place. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

PLACE 1:

David Hornberger - Incumbent, Assistant Secretary to the Board
Contact the candidate: dhornberger@ahisd.net

Arlene Serrano

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.



PLACE 2:

Brian Hamilton

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Brian Hamilton is running unopposed in this election.

HARLANDALE ISD

This year, districts 5, 6, and 7 are up for election. All are single-member districts, meaning you may only vote for a candidate if you live in their district. Find your school board district here:

http://harlandale.net/school_board/single_member_district_boundary_map/

You will select one (1) candidate from your district. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 5:

Elaine Anaya-Ortiz

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Tomas Uresti

Former Texas State Representative, district 118; former Harland ISD trustee
Facebook - "State Representative Tomas Uresti," @tomasurestiharlandale
Twitter - @tomasuresti

DISTRICT 6:

Jesse Diaz

Facebook - "Vote Jesse Diaz"

Lorenzo Gonzalez

Facebook - "Lorenzo Gonzalez for Harlandale ISD, District 6," @Gonzalez4HISD

Elizabeth Limon

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

DISTRICT 7:

Ricardo Moreno - Incumbent, elected 2015

Facebook - "Ricardo Moreno," @moreno4hisd7



Jesse Alaniz

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Lee Martinez Jr

Facebook - "Elect Lee Martinez Jr Harlandale Board District 7"

JUDSON ISD

This year, district 1 and places 6 and 7 are up for election. District 1 is a single-member district, so you may only vote for a candidate if you live in the district. Places 6 and 7 are at large. Find out about the incumbents below:

<https://www.judsonisd.org/district/schoolBoard/SchoolBoardMembers.cfm>

If you live in District 1, you will select one (1) candidate for District 1 and one (1) candidate each for Places 6 and 7. If you do not live in District 1, you will select one (1) candidate for Places 6 and 7 only. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 1:

Suzanne Kenoyer - Incumbent, elected 2017.

Campaign website: suzannekenoyer.com

Facebook - "Suzanne Kenoyer, JISD School Board," @suzannekenoyerJISD

Suzanne Kenoyer is running unopposed in this election.

PLACE 6:

Renee Paschall - Incumbent, Vice President of the Board, elected 2015.

See Board Member information above.

Thomas England

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

PLACE 7:

Willie Black Jr

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Christopher Galloway

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Walter Harchut

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.



Lynette Perez

Facebook - "Lynette Perez for JISD School Board Trustee," @Vote4Lynette

NORTHSIDE ISD

This year, Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 are up for election. All are single-member districts, so you can only vote for a candidate if you live in their district. Find out which district you reside in, and read about incumbents, here:

<https://nisd.net/board/districts>

You will select one (1) candidate from your district. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 1:

George Lynn Britton Jr

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Joseph Medina - Incumbent, elected 2015.

Facebook - "Joseph Medina for NISD School Board," @votejosephdist1

Twitter - @JosephHMedinaD1

David Salacido

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

DISTRICT 2:

Gerald Lopez - Incumbent, Secretary of the Board, elected 2015.

See Board Member information above.

Mary Olson

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

DISTRICT 3:

M'Lissa Chumbley - Incumbent, President of the Board, elected 1995.

See Board Member information above.

Twitter - @ChumbleyMlissa

M'Lissa Chumbley is running unopposed in this election.

DISTRICT 4:

Bobby Blount - Incumbent, elected 1999.



Also President of the Bexar County School Boards coalition.
See Board Member information above.

Rolando Garcia

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

SAN ANTONIO ISD

This year, districts 2, 5, and 6 are up for election. All are single-member districts, so you can only vote for a candidate if you live in their district. To find out more information about incumbent candidates, go here:

http://www.saisd.net/main/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=4109&Itemid=336

(scroll down and click on each board member to read their biography)

You will select one (1) candidate from your district. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

DISTRICT 2:

Darrell Boyce

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Christopher Green

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Alicia Monica Perry

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Royce Sullivan

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

DISTRICT 5:

Patti Radle - Incumbent, President of the Board, elected 2011.

See Board Member information above.

Janell Rubio

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

DISTRICT 6:

Chris Castro

Campaign website: chriscastro.org



Facebook: "Chris Castro for SAISD District 6," @CastroforSAISD6

Christina Martinez - Incumbent, appointed 2017.
See Board Member information above.

Eduardo Torres

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

SOUTHSIDE ISD

In 2017, the Texas Education Agency took over management of this district after conducting an investigation and downgrading its accreditation status to Accredited-Warning. The TEA appointed a Board of Managers to oversee the district at least through the 2018-19 school year. The ISD Board is still elected as usual, but has reduced decision-making powers during this time; because of this, there is currently no information about the members of the Board on the ISD website. You can always reach out to SISD directly for more information about the situation, or check out local news coverage.

Information about the 2017 decision: <https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/education/article/Southside-ISD-loses-appeal-faces-state-takeover-10903327.php>

Information about the Board of Managers: <https://southsideisd.org/about/board/>

This year, Positions 1, 2, 6, and 7 are up for elections. All are single-member districts, so you can only vote for a candidate if you live in their district. You will select one (1) candidate from your district. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

POSITION 1:

Kenneth Bouldin Jr - Incumbent

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Maggie Morales

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Jan Ruzza

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

POSITION 2:

Julian Gonzales - Incumbent

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Mary Silva

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.



Jerry Soto

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

POSITION 6:

Johnny Cantu Jr - Incumbent

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Brenda Nagelhout-Olivarez

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Lisa Salazar

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

POSITION 7:

Katie Farias

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

Robert Kindla

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

SOUTHWEST ISD

This year, two at-large positions are available. The top two candidates will win the election. To find out more information about the incumbents, go here:

http://www.swisd.net/about_us/board_of_trustees

You will select up to two (2) candidates from the list below. All candidates are listed in order of filing.

Ida Perez Sudolcan - Incumbent, Secretary for the Board, elected 2003.

See Board member information above.

Sylvester Vasquez Jr - Incumbent, Vice President of the Board, elected 2000.

See Board Member information above.

Pete Bernal

Facebook: "Elect Pete 'Pedro' Bernal SWISD Board Trustee," @pedro3swisd

Gloria de la Garza-Rankin

No public online presence. Check your local news for more information.

