

**TO: Greater San Antonio Chamber Membership**  
**FROM: Greater San Antonio Chamber Executive Board**  
**SUBJECT: Support for Bexar County Propositions A & B**  
**Date: September 25, 2025**

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The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the passage of Bexar County Proposition A and Proposition B in the November 4, 2025 election. These measures represent smart, forward-looking investments in our community that will strengthen San Antonio's economic competitiveness, quality of life, and long-term growth.

As the voice of the business community, the Greater Chamber knows that thriving economies are built on strong partnerships between public and private sectors. These propositions reflect a commitment to invest in the infrastructure and amenities that attract top talent, support small businesses, and grow our economy in Bexar County.

### ***What Proposition A & B Will Do***

Proposition A would authorize Bexar County to use its venue tax to transform and upgrade its existing East Side facilities (including Frost Bank Center, Freeman Coliseum, and surrounding grounds) into a year-round rodeo, stock show, and entertainment district. This redevelopment aims to better utilize these venues, make them more attractive for events, and drive consistent economic activity beyond peak seasons.

Proposition B would authorize the county's portion of funding (approximately \$311 million) toward the construction of a new downtown arena for the San Antonio Spurs, as part of a broader sports and entertainment district. The city, the Spurs ownership, and private partners will also contribute funding; the Spurs would cover cost overruns. The new arena is intended to serve not just for Spurs games but for concerts, community events, conventions, and other entertainment uses.

Both propositions would be financed in part through the existing venue tax (hotel occupancy tax and short-term motor vehicle rental tax), NOT by raising property taxes.

The passage of these propositions is expected to generate widespread benefits, including, but not limited to:

- *Economic growth & job creation:* Construction and renovation of venues, along with the development of restaurants, retail, hospitality, entertainment establishments part of such districts, will create thousands of jobs—both in the

short term (construction, infrastructure) and long term (venue operations, events, tourism).

- *Tourism & visitor spending:* Improvements with a downtown arena and event district will attract more conventions, concerts, and large-scale events. This drives hotel bookings, restaurant revenue, retail sales, and tax revenue—all critical for local businesses.
- *Better utilization of existing assets:* Upgrading the Frost Bank Center, Freeman Coliseum, and the East Side grounds means these county-owned assets can be better leveraged year-round, rather than sitting underused for parts of the year, thereby increasing the return on public investment.
- *Downtown revitalization and community investment:* A new downtown arena helps anchor development, promote investment in adjacent areas, increase foot traffic, and support revitalization. It serves as a signal that San Antonio is committed to thriving urban cores, which helps attract businesses, talent, and future economic realization.
- *Workforce benefits:* More events and venues mean more jobs in hospitality, event management, security, maintenance, and the service sector. For skilled trades, construction, and other related fields, there are immediate opportunities. Over the long term, community development around these venues can improve quality of life, which helps retain and attract talent.
- *No burden on property-tax payers:* Because funding comes from the venue tax, which is largely borne by visitors and those who use the facilities, the impact on residents' property taxes is minimized. This helps protect households from additional tax burdens while still investing in infrastructure that benefits the region.

### ***Call to Action***

The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce urges voters to support Proposition A and Proposition B, in order to:

- Expand economic opportunity across Bexar County
- Generate sustainable benefits for businesses, workforce, and all residents
- Leverage public assets more effectively
- Strengthen our downtown

**Let's invest in San Antonio's future. Vote YES on Props A & B—for growth, competitiveness, and a stronger community.**