

# NELSON W. WOLFF JUDGE COUNTY OF BEXAR TEXAS



# RON NIRENBERG MAYOR CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

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TO:

City Council

FROM:

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

**COPIES TO:** 

Erik Walsh, City Manager; Tina Flores, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City

Attorney; Kevin Barthold, City Auditor

SUBJECT:

COVID-19 Community Action

Within the last few months, the COVID-19 global pandemic has caused a significant worldwide health and economic crisis. Here in San Antonio, we have taken aggressive action, working together to slow the spread of the virus, protect the health and safety of our residents, and mitigate the short and long term impacts on the local economy.

Businesses, charitable organizations and residents are stepping up to lend a hand to the response efforts. And already, major federal legislation has been passed in an effort to fill some of the gaps, while state leaders are preparing to enter the 2021 legislative session with a unified agenda of restoring Texas families and the state's economy.

To meet these significant challenges, we are appointing the COVID-19 Community Action working groups, which will act as strike teams focused on immediate areas of impact within our community. These working groups - composed of council members, county commissioners and community leaders - are charged with identifying measures to mitigate the challenge, recommending measures for long-term recovery and identifying local/state/federal resources to assist the community. These initial charges will evolve as the severity of the crisis and subsequent recovery efforts develop.

Working Groups will meet as often as needed, and will be provided support by the City Manager and County Manager. The rosters for each committee are described in the attached document. We've named Gordon Hartman to coordinate and manage this process. He will provide hands-on leadership and work directly with working groups.

We look forward to working together with each of you as we protect the lives of San Antonio families and overcome the greatest challenge that our modern city has ever faced.

Sincerely,

NEWSON WOLFF

County Judge, Bexar County

RON NIRENBERG

Mayor, City of San Antonio

## **COVID-19 Community Action Working Groups**

### Federal & State Government Advocacy

Co-Chair: Councilmember Manny Pelaez, District 8
Co-Chair: Commissioner Kevin Wolff, Pct. 3
Councilmember Rebecca Viagran, District 3
Councilmember Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, District 4
Councilmember Clayton Perry, District 10
Brigadier General Laura Lenderman, JBSA
Linda Chavez Thompson, Labor
Wayne Peacock, USAA
Joe Gorder, Valero Energy
Mayor Mary Dennis, Live Oak

### **Philanthropy**

Co-Chair: Harvey Najim, The Najim Charitable

**Foundation** 

Co-Chair: Barbara Gentry, (Retired) USAA Marjie French, San Antonio Area Foundation

Blakely Fernandez, Bracewell

Toni Van Buren, University Health System

Chris Martin, United Way

David Green, Mays Family Foundation

Harriet Dominque, USAA

Mary Rose Brown, NuStar Energy

## **Food Security and Shelter**

Co-Chair: Councilman Jada Andrews-Sullivan, District 2 Co-Chair: Commissioner Justin Rodriguez, Pct. 2 Councilmember Melissa Cabello Havrda, District 6 Eric Cooper, San Antonio Food Bank Kenny Wilson, Haven for Hope

### **Business & Employment**

Co-Chair: Councilmember Ana Sandoval, District 7 Co-Chair: Commissioner Chico Rodriguez, Pct. 1 Councilmember Shirley Gonzales, District 5 Michelle Tremillo, Texas Organizing project Lisa Wong, Restaurateur

### **Social Services**

Co-Chair: Councilmember Roberto Trevino, District 1 Co-Chair: Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Pct. 4 Councilman John Courage, District 9 Tullos Wells, Kronkosky Charitable Foundation

Cha Guzman, SAHA Board Chair