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Via email

**2017 BOND PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE KEY PROPERTIES
AROUND THE SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS**

Dear Councilwoman Viagran,

The undersigned are concerned that we have not heard about any definite proposal for the 2017 Bond that is directly related to the San Antonio Missions. Is your office preparing any such proposal?

We would like to propose that the City acquire key properties around the four San Antonio Missions on the Southside. Specifically, we propose that key properties should be identified and acquired in at least two basic categories:

- 1) Existing open space and potential green spaces and/or parks that permit recognition of the Missions' physical connection to the San Antonio River and preserve some feeling for the native landscape; and
- 2) Existing developed space that can appropriately be re-purposed to preserve and enhance our communities and the experience of the Missions.

We understand that a successful bond proposal requires vision and a detailed plan. We believe that public funding to acquire certain key properties is only one part of a larger plan but a crucial first step in developing and realizing a creative, collaborative vision that will serve the City of San Antonio.

We respectfully request your response.

Sincerely,

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