

2023 CITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE

ALAMO GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB

CLIMATE CHANGE/AIR QUALITY/TRAFFIC CONGESTION

		YES	NO
1.	Should CPS Energy expand programs for energy conservation and renewable energy?		
2.	Would you introduce ordinances and initiatives to reduce air pollution, traffic congestion and pedestrian and bicycle deaths?		
	Some examples of such ordinances:		
	a. city contributions to VIA to increase efficiency and frequency of buses?		
	b. more protected bicycle lanes and improved street walkability?		
	c. annual inspection of vehicles for excessive emissions (for example, Austin's program)?		
3.	Would you support or introduce an ordinance to install solar panels over parking lots to generate energy and reduce the heat island effect?		
4.	Should San Antonio use its rate-setting and other powers to compel CPS Energy and SAWS, its wholly owned utilities:		
	a. To "decouple" fuel sales volume from revenue (as Los Angeles Power and Water and other utilities in 26 states have done) so that our utilities can afford to meet efficiency and conservation goals, while achieving greater equity for rate payers?		
	b. To compel San Antonio Water System to comply with the "San Antonio 2020" ordinances, which allows no more than 15% impervious cover in Edwards Aquifer recharge zone development, by refusing to provide services to non-compliant developments?		
	c. To comply with the 2019 Climate Action and Adaption Plan ordinance?		
5.	What should San Antonio do to avoid costs associated with non-compliance with federal air quality standards? <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		

		YES	NO
6.	Should CPS Energy, stop promoting natural gas in residences, based on known health risks of indoor natural gas burning?		

WATER POLICY FOR OUR SEMI-ARID REGION

		YES	NO
	Would you support council action to require SAWS to:		
1.	impose year-round lawn watering restrictions?		
2.	develop a citywide rainwater catchment program for lawn irrigation for homes and commercial and public buildings?		
3.	discourage the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in new developments?		
4.	Would you be willing to use less concrete, and more native vegetation, to slow, sink, and spread flood water in all drainage projects, and retrofit older ones, to decrease the huge expense of drainage projects?		

GROWTH POLICY

City leaders say that at current rates San Antonio's population will double by 2040.

		YES	NO
1.	Should San Antonio have an official policy, using tax dollars, of encouraging people and businesses to move here?		
2.	Is it possible to have a vibrant successful city that is not growing in population?		
3.	<p>If San Antonio continues to grow rapidly, and the effects of climate change continue, how will the City control the negative impacts on our low-income population and on our limited resources?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>		

FOOD POLICY

1.	What policies could enhance citizens' access to local fresh fruits and vegetables and other local foods?		
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>			
2.	What policies should San Antonio adopt to reduce obesity and diabetes among its citizens?		
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>			
		YES	NO
3.	Should San Antonio cooperate with the County's public health initiatives to address the disparity in health and life expectancy between low-income and high-income neighborhoods in San Antonio?		

PARKS

1.	How should the parks in your district be improved? Can any new parks be developed in your district?
<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 10px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black;"/>	

PLASTIC

		YES	NO
1.	Should San Antonio seek ways to reduce plastic waste:		
	a. by supporting State legislation allowing cities to manage, restrict, or ban plastic packages locally?		
	b. by engaging with major local retailers (e.g., H-E-B, Wal-Mart, Walgreens) to implement voluntary programs to reduce, restrict and eliminate and minimize plastic and other packaging waste? (Some H.E.B. stores in Austin require customers to bring bags).		

OTHER IDEAS

	Do you have other ways you think San Antonio can ensure clean air and water and habitability for future generations?		

Print Name and position sought: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Telephone number: _____; Email: _____

Address: _____