

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM  
City Manager's Office**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Support for the development of Texas A&M University-San Antonio

**DATE:** January 20, 2005

**SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The requested resolution would express the support and commitment of the City of San Antonio for the development of a campus for Texas A&M University-San Antonio in the southern part of San Antonio and Bexar County. This resolution would direct staff to negotiate binding legal agreements with the Texas A&M University System ("A&M System") under which the City would take all necessary steps to acquire and provide more than 400 acres of developable property, as well as infrastructure improvements to support the proposed campus. The contemplated agreements would be contingent upon all necessary authorizations to issue bonds and undertake campus development. The proposed resolution would also direct staff to identify funding sources for the project, and commence preliminary steps to identify, assess, and acquire property for the campus.

Staff recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

For the past several years, the Texas A&M University System has identified San Antonio as a preferred location for a four-year academic campus. In fact, Senate Bill 800 of the 78th Legislative Session formally established Texas A&M University—San Antonio. It is anticipated that bills will be considered during the current legislative session to authorize the issuance of tuition revenue bonds in an amount of \$80,000,000 for the purpose of constructing a San Antonio campus, opening in fall 2009.

Historically, land, as well as the provision of adequate transportation and utility facilities, has been provided to the A&M System for other campuses, either by private donors or adjacent communities. The A&M System, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas Legislature expect that title to the campus site and necessary infrastructure for a San Antonio campus will be provided and conveyed by the community. Based upon preliminary analysis, City staff estimates that the satisfactory acquisition, clearance, and removal of property impairments of one potential location identified by the City and A&M System officials as the "preferred" campus site, would likely exceed \$13 million.

## **POLICY ANALYSIS**

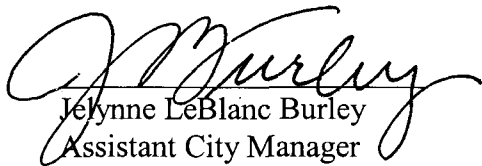
This resolution would express the City of San Antonio's support for the project and direct staff to undertake steps to: (1) negotiate legal agreements with the A&M System regarding the conveyance of 400 or more acres as developable land for the campus; (2) provide infrastructure and utilities to the campus, (3) identify funding for the project, and (4) identify, assess, and acquire property for the campus.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**


There is no direct fiscal impact of this resolution. However, it is anticipated that obligations under future binding agreements would likely exceed \$13 million, plus unknown costs for utility and transportation infrastructure. Funding mechanisms for the project have not been fully identified.

## **COORDINATION**

This item has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office and outside counsel, Economic Development Department, Finance Department, and Intergovernmental Affairs Office.



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