

October 29, 2009

Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros
City of San Antonio, District 1
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Dear Councilwoman Cisneros,

Your recent vote regarding the rezoning of the Steubing Ranch property called attention to the fact that I have been remiss in communicating the concerns of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance regarding protection of our most precious water resource.

In working with policymakers, citizens, students, and teachers, we have learned that many people do not understand the difference between sand and gravel aquifers (like the Carrizo-Wilcox) and karst aquifers (like the Edwards). To address these deficiencies in the public's understanding of karst aquifer systems, GEAA partnered with KLRN to produce the enclosed educational DVD, *Inner View of the Edwards Aquifer*. Though specifically targeted to middle school students, the film is quite informative for people of all ages. We hope that you and your staff will take a few minutes to watch the second and fourth segments of this film – "Karst Aquifers" and "Human Impact on the Edwards Aquifer" – to understand the unique characteristics of our city's water supply, why it is particularly vulnerable to pollution through high density urban development, and what is needed to maintain the high quality and adequate quantity of water that we currently enjoy.

Please consider GEAA and our staff as a resource, and feel free to call us with any questions or concerns you have regarding the Edwards Aquifer or related matters. Thank you for serving our city as a City Council representative. We hope that in the future, protection of our most valuable water resources will be elevated in your consideration of development over the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones.

Sincerely,

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