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CITY TO VOTE ON PROPOSED INTENSE COMMERCIAL FOR A “MOST PERMEABLE” PROPERTY IN THE RECHARGE ZONE

On Thursday, December 6, 2007, the City of San Antonio will ask City Council to annex and rezone 20 Edwards Recharge Zone acres at 281 & Marshall Rd. to allow for intense commercial development, including a VIA Park & Ride. According to a 1995 US Geological Survey (USGS) and San Antonio Water Systems (SAWS), the proposed site is one of the “most permeable” areas in the Recharge Zone, risking contamination of the Edwards Aquifer.

What: Marshall Rd & 281 Annexation and Rezoning Case (Z2008010 S ERZD) to be voted on tomorrow

Where: Municipal Plaza Building, City Hall Complex, 103 S. Main Ave

When: 2PM TOMORROW (DECEMBER 6, 2007)

The annexation is being proposed to allow for the extension of Marshall Rd on the Westside of US HWY 281. Proponents say the new road will alleviate traffic on Stone Oak Parkway. However, opponents argue that it will allow an intense commercial development proposed for that area to be built, which will only add to traffic woes.

If City Council votes for annexation without conditions, they will be voting to double - at the very least - the amount of impervious cover allowed in the annexed area. If they vote to zone the area for Commercial Use, impervious cover will increase from 15% to 65%. AGUA has asked the City to limit impervious cover to 15% on the Edwards Recharge Zone, citing scientific studies that conclude that levels of cover above 15% lead to water quality degradation.