

Dear GEAA members and friends,

As many of you know, the right of cities to regulate tree clear cutting, protect the Edwards Aquifer, preserve historic districts, and to enforce many other actions fundamental to local governance are being [attacked in the State Legislature](#).

So, we were shocked to read [Brian Chasnoff's column](#) in yesterday's edition of the San Antonio Express that a resolution in support of [Local Control](#) was being blocked by Mayor Ivy Taylor. A request to put the resolution on the City Council Agenda was submitted over a month ago. Because [bills threatening Local Control](#) are being heard in legislative committees right now, it is critical that the City of San Antonio join the other major cities of Texas in supporting our own local ordinances.

We are asking that you contact Mayor Taylor and urge her to recognize the memo for a resolution that urges the State Legislature to honor "its steadfast commitment to the people of our city by promising to uphold and enforce the ordinances set forth by this and previous City Councils." circulated by Councilman Rey Saldaña and signed by Council Representatives Ron Nirenberg, Roberto Treviño, Mike Gallagher and Shirley Gonzales.

Please contact [Mayor Taylor](#) and your [Council Representative](#) and ask that they vote this Thursday to pass a resolution to defend cities' right to local governance.

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Our thanks go out to [Councilman Rey Saldaña](#) for his support of this important resolution.

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Mayor Taylor said that many of the ordinances being challenged by attacks on Local Control are "controversial". We admit that our local Tree Preservation and Aquifer Protection ordinances may be controversial in some quarters. But, we have seen overwhelming support for these and other measures tailored to serve the needs of our City. Please take action today to let Mayor Taylor, your Council Representative, and your [State Legislators](#) know that you want to retain the rights of Local Control for Texas cities.

Please pass this on to your friends. We really appreciate anything you can do to stop these bills from becoming law.

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