

Dear GEAA members and friends,

Show your support for Propositions 1 and 2 by joining us at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, for a press conference with Mayor Julian Castro.

The Mayor will be urging San Antonians to get out and vote for Proposition 1 to protect the Edwards Aquifer, our primary source of drinking water, and Proposition 2 to expand the city's Creekways Hike & Bike Trails.

Mayor Castro will be joined by Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Carri Baker Wells, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President Ramiro A. Cavazos, former San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak and Nature Conservancy Texas State Director Laura Huffman

The press conference will take place on the grounds of the Pearl Brewery overlooking the San Antonio River, just west of the Full Goods Building, 200 Grayson Street, next door to La Gloria.

Proposition 1 continues aquifer-protection measures that have permanently protected 95,000 acres in the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing zones. It will raise an additional \$90 million to acquire land or perpetual conservation agreements from willing sellers. San Antonio's water demands are expected to increase 30% by 2040! The sooner we protect land for the aquifer, the less it will cost. And the natural resources we conserve today will sustain our economy and preserve our natural beauty and wildlife for the future. To ensure your tax dollars are spent responsibly, Proposition 1 has both science and citizen oversight.

Proposition 2 will expand a spectacular system of Creekways Hike & Bike Trails in linear parks along our city's beautiful creeks and rivers by raising \$45 million to continue land acquisition and trail construction.

More than 1,100 acres of creek frontage have been acquired by this program since 2000, with 22 miles of trails completed along Leon and Salado creeks and the Medina River, and another 23 miles under construction or in design. These greenways truly enhance our city's park system and provide new places for our kids to play in nature.

Continued funding will also include creeks on the city's West Side, helping revitalize those communities and providing important drainage improvements.

No new taxes are needed for Propositions 1 and 2. Funding will come from the continuation of a 1/8-cent sales tax, originally approved by voters in 2000 and reauthorized in 2005.

Our heritage, our economy and our quality of life now and for future generations depend on having pure, safe, reliable drinking water and beautiful parks. Join us in supporting Propositions 1 and 2 today.

If you can't make it to the press conference, there are other ways you can help:

You can make a donation to the campaign. Please make checks to "Aquifer-Parks Propositions" and mail to the address below.

Or you can:

- \* Write letters to the editor.
- \* Volunteer with the campaign – call (210) 222-8430.
- \* Visit our Facebook page, San Antonio Aquifer Protection and Parks Expansion, [Expansion/144664188909310?ref=mf](https://www.facebook.com/Expansion/144664188909310?ref=mf) , "like" the page and share it with your Facebook friends (you don't have to a Facebook member to view the page).

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