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The East Asia Institute at UTSA will host the visit of San Antonio’s District 8 City Council member Ron Nirenberg to give a lecture on February 21st, at 5:50-6:30 p.m. in the UC Denman Room (UC 2.01.28). This lecture entitled, "Building Bridges by Crossing Borders: How Citizen Diplomacy is Creating Global Stability." Councilman Nirenberg will discuss his recent trip to China for the 8th annual Sister Cities International forum. He will focus on how these conversations help citizens connect in an increasingly global world, discussing how these conversations allow the exchange of ideas and engage in issues affecting all of us. "In an increasingly connected world, understanding and forging relationships with our neighbors is going to be the key to tackling global issues like water security, food scarcity and more," said Nirenberg.

Nirenberg was first elected to San Antonio's District 8 City Council in 2013 and was re-elected in 2015. During his tenure, Councilman Nirenberg has focused on solutions to San Antonio’s deepest challenges, including improving transportation infrastructure, ensuring the city’s sustainability through environmental and economic initiatives, embracing new technology, closing the workforce skills gap and creating jobs. As Tri-Chair of SA Tomorrow, Nirenberg leads the charge in helping city leaders execute citizen-directed strategies to prepare for significant population growth. He is also chairman of several critical committees that work to build a resilient city on the national and local levels.