



On May 10, 2008 Bexar County residents will have the opportunity to decide if the County’s short-term car rental and hotel occupancy taxes — also known as the “visitor tax” — should be extended to fund up to \$415 million in community projects. It is important to note that even though there are four propositions, only the two taxes would be extended.

If approved, the projects included in the four propositions will be funded by the visitor tax to improve 13 miles of the San Antonio River, create tournament quality youth sports facilities, improve the Bexar County-owned community arenas and rodeo grounds and enhance the performing and cultural arts facilities.

No sales tax.

No property tax.

No new taxes.

For more information on voting, call the Bexar County Elections Department at (210) 335-VOTE

Early Voting Schedule & Locations

April 28 through May 2
 May 3
 May 4
 May 5 and May 6

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Noon to 6 p.m.
 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Bexar County Justice Center
 Blossom Athletic Center
 Brookhollow Library
 Canyon Ridge Elementary
 Castle Hills City Hall
 CPS Energy
 Claude Black Center
 Cody Library
 Collins Garden Library
 Converse City Hall
 Cortez Library
 Crossroads Mall
 East Central ISD Admin Bldg
 Encino Park Community Center
 Fair Oaks Ranch City Hall
 Frank Madla Elementary
 Great Northwest Library
 Henry A. Guerra Jr. Library
 Hollywood Park City Hall
 Johnston Library
 Julia Yates Semmes Library
 Kinman House of Leon Valley
 Kirby City Hall
 Las Palmas Library
 Lion’s Field
 Live Oak City Hall
 Maury Maverick Jr. Library
 McCreless Library
 Nichols Elementary
 Northside Activity Center
 Olmos Basin Golf Club House
 Shoppers City Mall
 Shavano Baptist Church
 Somerset High School
 South Park Mall
 Southside ISD Admin Bldg
 Tobin Library @ Oakwell
 Universal City— City Hall
 UTSA
 Wetmore Elementary
 Windercrest Takas Park Civic Center

300 Dolorosa St.
 1202 Jones Maltsberger Rd.
 530 Heimer Rd.
 20522 Stone Oak Parkway
 209 Lemonwood Dr.
 911 South W.W. White Rd.
 2805 E. Commerce St.
 11441 Vance Jackson
 200 North Park
 405 S. Seguin
 2803 Hunter
 4522 Fredericksburg Rd.
 6634 New Sulphur Springs Rd.
 1923 Encino Rd.
 7286 Dietz Elkhorn
 6100 Royalgate
 9050 Wellwood
 7978 W. Military Dr.
 2 Mecca Dr.
 6307 Sun Valley Drive
 15060 Judson Rd.
 6417 Evers Rd.
 112 Bauman St.
 515 Castroville Rd.
 2809 Broadway
 8001 Shin Oak
 8700 Mystic Park
 1023 Ada St.
 9560 Braun Rd.
 7001 Culebra
 7022 McCullough
 660 S.W. Military Dr.
 5047 De Zavala
 7650 S. Loop 1604 West
 2310 S.W. Military
 1460 Martinez-Losoya
 4134 Harry Wurzbach
 2150 Universal City Blvd.
 6900 N Loop 1604 W
 3250 Thousand Oaks
 9310 Jim Seal Dr.

Bexar County Visitor Tax Election

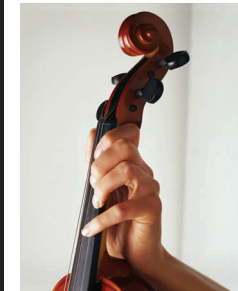
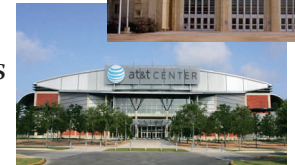
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Proposition One:
 San Antonio River
 Improvements



Proposition Two:
 Amateur Sports
 Facilities

Proposition Three:
 Community Arenas
 and
 Grounds



Proposition Four:
 Performing Arts
 Facilities

For more information call (210) 335-0073
 Or visit www.bexar.org/CommunityVenues/

What is the visitor tax?

The Texas Legislature created a special funding mechanism for counties and cities to develop certain legally defined venue projects. Bexar County residents voted to levy a visitor tax in 1999 to fund construction, renovation, improvements and equipment at the AT&T Center. Revenues from the 1.75% hotel occupancy tax and the 5% car rental tax were used to pay for the bonds issued to cover the County's portion of that project.

The County anticipated paying off those bonds early. In response, the Bexar County Commissioners Court formed three citizen committees in May 2007 to review various project proposals for extending the visitor tax. The committees were tasked with analyzing each proposal in terms of its financial, educational and cultural impact, as well as the overall community return on investment.

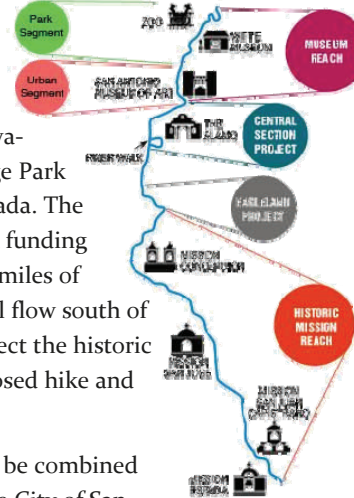
Their work resulted in the four propositions that would allow the County to extend the collection of the visitor taxes to fund the following:

- Proposition 1: Approximately \$125 million for the San Antonio River Improvements Project
- Proposition 2: Approximately \$80 million for the construction of up to 13 amateur sports facilities
- Proposition 3: Approximately \$100 million for improvements at the Community Arenas and Grounds
- Proposition 4: Approximately \$110 million for performing and cultural arts facilities.

Proposition One: San Antonio River

When finished, the San Antonio River will consist of 13 miles of improvements from its headwaters near Brackenridge Park south to Mission Espada. The bulk of the visitor tax funding would help restore 8 miles of the river to its natural flow south of Downtown and connect the historic missions to the proposed hike and bike trails.

The visitor tax would be combined with funding from the City of San Antonio, San Antonio River Authority and the federal government.



Proposition Two: Amateur Sports Facilities

The visitor tax would be used to create various amateur sports facilities ranging from an aquatic center suitable for Olympic-style competition to soccer field complexes and numerous baseball and softball diamonds, football fields and basketball gyms located throughout the County.



The overall impact to Bexar County could include 46 new soccer fields, 31 new baseball diamonds, 22 softball diamonds, 7 football fields, 3 tracks, a new cross-country course, a 12-strip fencing facility, a new basketball and volleyball tournament court and an outdoor swimming and diving stadium.



Proposition Three: Community Arenas

The proposed funding would replace the lower seating bowl of the Freeman Coliseum; upgrade the major mechanical systems and provide aesthetic improvements.

Dilapidated and aging barns would be replaced on the rodeo grounds with climate controlled, multi-use buildings.

At the AT&T Center, the funding would provide upgrades to the center, which will be 10 years old when the funding begins in 2012. The County-approved improvements would include newer technology, "greener" more energy efficient climate control and utilities and lighting and audio systems.



Proposition Four: Performing & Cultural Arts



Municipal Auditorium would be converted into a Performing Arts Center with a 1,700- to 2,000-seat multi-use hall, a 250- to 450-seat studio theater for acoustic recitals, a rehearsal hall and an education center.

Alameda Theater

Approximately \$6 million of the funding would help restore and expand the Alameda Theater to provide Latino cultural events in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Briscoe Western Art Museum

The funding would contribute to the renovation of the Hertzberg Museum building in partnership with the City of San Antonio and the National Western Art Foundation. The museum would feature a virtual portal into key documents of the County's past.

