



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Jalen McKee-Rodriguez; Melissa Cabello Havrda; John Courage  
COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterrek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council  
SUBJECT: Evaluating Underground Utilities in High Equity Infrastructure Projects  
DATE: March 22, 2023

Issue Proposed for Consideration:

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Requesting City staff evaluate the fiscal, environmental, and social impact of burying power lines for ongoing city-funded projects, and establish a pilot program to measure real impact on communities most impacted by downed or faulty power lines and defective equipment.

The evaluation of this proposal should include, but not be limited to, a stakeholder analysis involving communities most impacted by the effects of above-ground power lines, county and state officials, and representatives of our public utilities.

Brief Background:

The purpose of this request is to establish a goal to bury power lines as a part of the official scope of infrastructure projects involving utilities in the right of way such as city-owned roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, and other public infrastructure. Ongoing and future projects present an opportunity to bury power lines that would otherwise be non-existent or infeasible.

This request also calls for increased coordination between City departments, governmental agencies, and public utilities in future publicly-funded infrastructure projects. Alone, the burial of power lines has presented itself as an often fiscally unachievable task. By evaluating the cost-effectiveness of increasing the scope of work of existing and future infrastructure projects to include this measure, there is an opportunity to create more robust and resilient infrastructure.

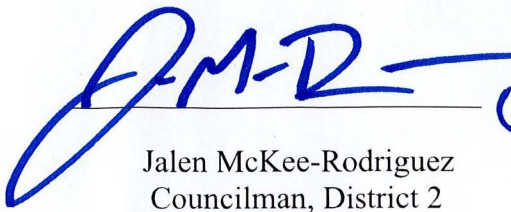


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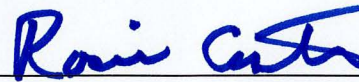
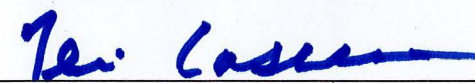
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Submitted for Council consideration by:

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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures

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