

Unique background as Soldier, Surgeon, Engineer, and Educator would be valuable on Council.

David J Cohen MD Platform for SA City Council

1. I will represent the citizens and residents of SA Council District 9. I will work for good parks, bike trails, roads, drainage projects, police and fire protection as appropriate and essential for our district. I will be a councilman, however, that is concerned about all of San Antonio. Good governance and good quality of life anywhere in San Antonio is good for the residents of Council District 9. I pledge to look out for the interests of our District, and will support a transparent and accountable city government.
2. San Antonio is a city that works. It has a history of honest, effective, nonpartisan government run by a Manager-Council form of government. I wish to continue our city government in this image with a non partisan approach and one which rejects cronyism.
3. People and businesses should want to come to San Antonio because it has low taxes, inexpensive utilities, good public health and safety, good schools, good roads and good quality of life and not because they receive discriminatory tax breaks or other one-sided benefits. Tax breaks for new companies discriminate against existing companies and city taxpayers. They should be offered only in extremely rare cases such as to attract a new industry with no existing competitors in San Antonio, e.g. to attract the Toyota Assembly plant, an industry which otherwise would not exist in our metropolitan area. If granted, tax breaks must have enforceable performance provisions to protect tax payers.
4. Projects such as building a minor-league baseball stadium are cronyism and primarily benefit a private owner of the club. This and similar projects do not warrant city government support. If they are to happen then they should be 100% privately financed.
5. A major limiting factor to growth and prosperity in SA is water supply. I support SAWS efforts to diversify our water supply with the pipeline, desalination, conservation and any other new technologies which appear on the horizon. We missed opportunities to get Canyon Lake and Applewhite water in the past and SAWS needs Council support to be pro-active in insuring future water supplies.
6. We are fortunate to have a well-managed city-owned electric utility which supplies electricity at reasonable rates to our citizens and businesses yet also provides approximately one third of the city revenue through its profits. Diversification of electric supplies through coal, natural gas, wind-power, and solar ensures that SA will be a good place to live and run a business in the future. I support these forward-thinking programs.
7. I support fair pay for our police, fire and EMS men and women. We depend upon them for our lives and safety. They should be properly remunerated. I support community policing efforts and aggressive efforts to keep our citizens safe in all areas of the city.
8. Public Health is critical in a city with a large number of low income citizens. Zika, Dengue fever, Chagas disease are just the tip of the iceberg. Metro Health which recently had only one individual licensed to do mosquito spraying has increased the number of vector control

personnel to seven with a federal grant. We need to maintain a robust Metro Health. Disease is not limited to one council district. Good public health programs protect all San Antonians. University Hospital and the Bexar County Hospital District provide care for our most indigent at the University Hospital and several outpatient operations through Care Link. Care Link is very limited and many of our poorest patients do not qualify. I support efforts to expand community health clinics and Care Link so that more of our indigent patients can receive care.

9. Healthcare and Biotechnology is now the leading business sector in San Antonio surpassing even the military and tourism as factors in our local economy. My personal background as a surgeon and a bioengineer on the city council will assist the council in making informed decisions affecting the growth of this vital industry.
10. I strongly oppose toll roads and toll lanes, particularly where they use existing public right of way such as in the expansion of Loop 1604. They do not ease congestion as demonstrated in the toll road around Austin and in Houston's toll lanes because most people do not use them. They are discriminatory in that residents of some areas of the city would be required to pay tolls to go to school, work and shopping while residents of other areas of the city ride toll free. We need to expand Loop 1604 with additional lanes paid for by all motorists with a small increase in the gasoline tax if necessary. This is the only fair and effective way to add and maintain roadways and to decrease congestion. Public transportation helps in this endeavor, but despite the best efforts of VIA I still see mostly under-utilized and sometimes empty buses driving around San Antonio. **IN SHORT, I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S CONTINUED PUSH FOR TOLL ROADS IN SAN ANTONIO!**
11. The United States military is critical to the future of San Antonio and our country. I will support all efforts to assist our bases in accomplishing their missions. This includes continued efforts to promote light discipline at night around Camp Bullis, unobstructed flight approaches around Randolph AFB, and reasonable utility and water rates for all bases.
12. Finally, I pledge to be fair, open minded and available to the residents of Council District 9 and to work with all members of the council for the good of San Antonio. I pledge to be honest and to be a good steward of our tax dollars. I am a conservative by which I mean that our tax dollars should be spent on the core functions of city government. Our property taxes should be fairly assessed, should be as low as possible and should be spent prudently on essential projects. Bond issues are a way of borrowing from our children. Bond issue money should only be spent on capital items which will still be around to benefit our children and future residents who will be paying the money back.
13. **PLEASE VOTE FOR ME TO BE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR SAN ANTONIO COUNCIL DISTRICT 9. I WILL BE FAIR, IMPARTIAL, HONEST AND PRUDENT IN SERVING YOU.**

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