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**Councilman Rowe Applauds Efforts to Reduce Light Pollution around Camp Bullis****- Councilman Rowe teams up with Councilwoman Diane Cibrian for City Dark-Sky Ordinance****Statement from Councilman Louis Rowe on Bexar County's Dark-Sky ordinance:**

"Bexar County Commissioners Court has made a great step in the right direction with their ordinance mandating dark-sky lighting for new construction within 3-miles of Camp Bullis in the unincorporated areas of Bexar County. I have joined with Councilwoman Diane Cibrian in Co-Sponsoring a Council Consideration Request (CCR) to direct City Staff to begin exploring a similar ordinance for the City. I will be actively engaged throughout the process to see that this ordinance is crafted in a way that addresses the unique situations that exist in the City as compared to the County. We are absolutely committed to keeping the military in San Antonio and doing what is necessary to allay their concerns about development.

"Unlike the County much of the City property that abuts Camp Bullis has already been developed. We need to be exploring ways to make the current development compatible with the military's mission in the short-term while looking for long-term solutions for future development. The actions taken this week to initiate a dark sky ordinance and to explore increased use of conservation easements will help us down both those trails.

"Stone Oak in particular is an area that is largely developed. While we need to keep a watchful eye on a few undeveloped sights there, I am working closely with City staff, CPS, residents and business owners to address the ambient light issue immediately. We are working on an ordinance that is workable and meets the military's needs for nighttime training. In the meantime, I am encouraging residents and businesses to begin voluntarily turning off their lights during the crucial hours between 11pm and 3am when the military does most of the nighttime training."

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