

2008-08-07-0034R

A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING LOCAL INITIATIVES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE MILITARY MISSIONS CONDUCTED AT CAMP BULLIS.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio is home to prestigious and honored military installations including Fort Sam Houston and its training facility at Camp Bullis where the topography simulates a realistic environment to train military and government agency personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of recommendations made by the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) will transform Fort Sam Houston into the military's premiere medical education training installation making the missions conducted at Camp Bullis vital to national security; and

**WHEREAS**, recent encroachment may potentially degrade the mission of Camp Bullis and endanger the future viability of the training facility unless urgent action is taken to preserve its integrity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has long recognized the military's positive impact to the surrounding community and local and regional economy and is prepared to undertake initiatives aimed at preserving Camp Bullis including: 1) the creation of a Camp Bullis Awareness Zone, which would require notification when a proposed development is located within a five (5) mile radius of Camp Bullis; 2) exploring the implementation of an overlay zoning district that would require dark skies, which would include at a minimum, downward lighting for all developments within the designated area; 3) consider jointly applying with Bexar County to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant to undertake a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan; 4) identifying and ensuring safe transportation routes through a Transportation Plan between Camp Bullis and other military installations that are mission dependent; 5) conducting community outreach to make stakeholders aware of the importance of habitat protection and preservation in the Camp Bullis area; 6) exploring the possibility of requiring property developers to conduct an endangered species assessments for property within five (5) miles of the Camp Bullis area and to make the results of such assessment available to the City so that City staff may be made aware of potential issues raised by the presence of an endangered specie; and 7) incorporating initiatives regarding Camp Bullis in the City's state legislative agenda and collaborating with regional partners to present such initiatives as a unified group; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is seeking cooperation and assistance from surrounding counties and communities in implementing these initiatives and will maintain a Good Faith Commitment with Camp Bullis, Fort Sam Houston, the US Army and US Department of Defense to ensure the long-term mission vitality of Camp Bullis; **NOW THEREFORE:**

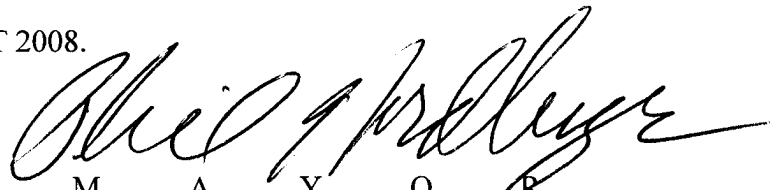
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council hereby directs City staff to undertake the following initiatives to preserve and protect the integrity of Camp Bullis:

1. The creation of a Camp Bullis Awareness Zone, which would require notification when a proposed development is located within a five (5) mile radius of Camp Bullis.
2. Exploring the implementation of an overlay zoning district that would require downward directional lighting for all developments within a designated area.
3. The submission of a joint application with Bexar County to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant to undertake a Regional Habitat Conservation Plan.
4. The development of a Transportation Plan that would identify and ensure safe transportation routes between Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis.
5. Community outreach to raise awareness among real estate professionals, property developers, community members and other stakeholders of the importance of habitat protection and preservation in the Camp Bullis area.
6. Exploring the possibility of requiring property developers to conduct endangered species assessments for property within five (5) miles of the Camp Bullis area and to make the results of such assessments available to the City.
7. The incorporation of initiatives regarding Camp Bullis in the City's state legislative agenda and the collaboration with regional partners to present such initiatives as a unified group.

**SECTION 2.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon eight (8) affirmative votes and after the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day from passage upon fewer than eight (8) affirmative votes.

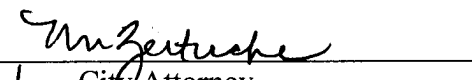
PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST 2008.

  
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**PHIL HARDBERGER**

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for City Attorney