

State of the city: Week of 11/11

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Not subscribed to local news but still want to stay up-to-date on the happenings around town? Look no further. Highlighting notable stories from external San Antonio news sources, State of the City summarizes the most captivating news headlines of the week. This week's topics range from Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits to an apartment fire.



Mayor announces \$1.6 million raised for local SNAP recipients

San Antonio businesses and community leaders have **raised** \$1.6 million for residents who are now unable to receive SNAP benefits due to the government shutdown. Mayor Gina Ortiz Jones organized the fundraiser and prioritized low-income families with young children and senior citizens. The money is given in the form of H-E-B gift cards. Major sponsors include USAA, Frost Bank, H-E-B and Spurs Sports & Entertainment, among others.

Sarah Quintanilla

Proposition A, B approved in Nov. 4 election

Proposition. A won with a 55.91% majority during election day, approving an increased hotel occupancy tax to cover the multimillion-dollar redevelopment of the Frost Bank Center, Freeman Coliseum and the surrounding grounds. Proposition B won with 52% on election day. The proposition approves the construction of the proposed Spurs arena, paid for in part by San Antonio's 5% car rental tax and an increase in the county's Hotel Occupancy tax by 0.25%.

Northwest Side apartment complex catches fire

A **fire** in a USAA Boulevard apartment building has left several families displaced and one person injured. The San Antonio Fire Department arrived around 3 p.m. on Nov. 7 and was able to remove those inside with no casualties. The tenants are currently being housed on-site in the apartment complex until further notice. The fire is believed to have begun on a second-story balcony and quickly spread, leading to a roof collapse and total loss of the building. The cause of the fire is still unknown.