Bexar County Young Democrats
Local Calls to Action

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Action Locally: ICE in San Antonio

Background:

- **Know what to do when you encounter ICE**
- **Report ICE Activity to 210-361-3070 - SA Rapid Response Network Hotline**

Action Locally: Guajolote Ranch

Background:

"The safety of drinking water for San Antonio residents is in question if the Guajolote Ranch development, which includes a wastewater treatment plant, is built in northwest Bexar County, according to a local professor." (KSAT) "The proposed facility would discharge up to 1 million gallons of treated wastewater per day into Helotes Creek... Scientific findings, including a study by Southwest Research Institute, warn that any wastewater discharge in this watershed would significantly degrade water quality and harm recharge to the Edwards Aquifer, which supplies drinking water to over 1.7 million residents in San Antonio and surrounding counties" (TPR)
Background Sources:

- San Antonio's drinking water at risk if Guajolote Ranch development is built, expert says (KSAT)
- The controversy over the Guajolote Ranch development wastewater treatment facility (TPR)

Call to Action:

- Explainer video from Scenic Loop Helotes Creek Alliance with call to action
    - 1) We have 300+ private wells in Alamo Farmsteads/Oakland Estates/Verde Hills. We are your canaries in this coal mine.
    - 2) SAWS does not filter water from the Edwards
    - 3) FACT: Water Moves from Helotes Creek to Trinity to Edwards
    - a) UDC Sec. Sec. 35-105. - Consistency with Master Plan.(5)Drainage Master Plans includes text in Leon Creek Watershed Master Drainage Plan performed by Pape Dawson on page ii-14, identifies Edwards Underground Water District Potential Recharge sites to include Helotes Creek north of Helotes,
    - b) SwRI Report states Helotes Creek provides water to the Edwards (contracted by COSA prior to this mess),

- c) dye-tracer studies by the Edwards Aquifer Authority validate that water moves from the Trinity into the Edwards,
- d) Lots of other studies AS WELL validate water migration between the Trinity and Edwards . We believe in the preponderance of science and so should you.
- 4) It is not a matter OF IF the proposed plant fails BUT WHEN. Their TCEQ permit application already states that they will not treat sewage under extended rain events (this property is in Flash Flood Alley).
- 5) If we are wrong, we preserved a critical area and the developer profits in another area of San Antonio. If they are wrong, San Antonio is on boil water notice.
- 6) the SAWS agreements are binding without the MUD,
- 7) they said they don't need the MUD,
- 8) they can build elsewhere
- 9) is it wise to support a development that potentially corrupts the water supply of the entire city,