

# Petition Instructions – SAWS Accountability Act

Mail Petitions To: SAWS Act PAC, PO Box 33402, San Antonio, TX 78265 • 210.807.7273

Obviously, before you gather signatures, read the entire Petition! It has 6 sections that, if passed, will be inserted into the San Antonio City Charter. They're all self-explanatory, but do call us if you have questions. You can also print out our flier – two per page – and it shares the basics of the amendment for voters.

## Rules for Signing this Petition:

1. **Who can sign?** Only registered voters who live in the city limits of San Antonio may sign this petition. Note: If they live in the “ETJ”--extraterritorial jurisdiction of SA, they are not eligible to sign. Alamo Heights, Shavano Park, Universal City residents MAY NOT sign. Anyone may circulate this Petition.
2. **When is the deadline?** We are headed for a May 2021 election, but have a 180-day “window” for signature collection. Keep in touch, but think about getting your signatures to us at our monthly educational events, through July 2020.
3. **Do I have to print out all pages or just the signature page?** You must print the front and back of the Petition. Make sure you have both pages when you ask for a signature and turn in both pages stapled or printed front to back.
4. **How many times may I sign?** Just once please! If you signed online, that one is not the same as this petition – on paper -- for a public vote. Again, you should sign our Petition on paper only once!
5. **How many signatures do you need?** 20,000 signatures of San Antonio voters.
6. **What information must I give?** *You must sign with your signature, otherwise, no matter what information you give us, you will not be counted as having signed.* You must provide a printed name to ensure we are reading your signature correctly. You must give at least *some* information in all other fields. So, for example, if you don't wish to give your full Date of Birth, give two parts of it. OR if you have your voter card, give us your entire “VUID” number instead of Date of Birth. (Note: DOB or VUID helps us validate your signature and one or the other is required by state law.)
7. **Why give my phone number and/or email?** Phone and email are totally optional but save us in campaign costs so we do not have to use expensive regular mail to reach you. We also redact your phone and email before we file the petition, so this information is not made public.
8. **Is this public record?** Yes, but by law, petition signatures cannot be used for commercial purposes. We also never share or publish your phone and email.
9. **Where can I collect signatures?** Besides amongst your friends and family in San Antonio, you can go anywhere that is public such as sidewalks, in front of government buildings (so long as you're not blocking the door), parks and public events centers.
10. **Where do I get more petitions?** Print them out from our website, or call us to meet up. We also have regular forums for you to come learn about this and pick up materials. Check our website or call us.

### **Suggested Petition Pitch: or use your own words, but strive to be brief AND accurate!**

NOTE: There is nothing in this measure about Edwards Aquifer Protections, so you cannot make any such claims. However, the cost of Vista Ridge water (5 to 6 times the cost of Edwards) HAS incentivized the removal of some of the Edwards protections underway by the City Council and SAWS. The Council was warned that Vista Ridge would lead to a reversal in Edwards conservation. They did not listen and rammed Vista Ridge on us anyway!

*Excuse me, are you a San Antonio voter? Great. Can you sign my petition for a public vote to hold SAWS Accountable? Their water rate hikes for the bloated Vista Ridge pipeline, the outrageous pay to the General Manager-- \$600,000! – ethics and lobby transgressions right under the nose of City Council beg for some serious reforms! Please sign and help us get this on the ballot.*