

United Communities of SanAntonio

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United Communities of San Antonio (UCSA) Q3 2020 Update

Portfolio of Services: UCSA released a Performance Report which covered FY 9/1/2019 – 8/31/2020 and FY 9/1/2020 – 8/31/2021 (YTD); https://ucofsa.org/portfolioofservicesreport. A few highlights of Q3 specifically were as follows:

- Advocacy Work: Provided Public Testimony to the City of San Antonio City Council on the "Resolution declaring racism a public health crisis and establishing stronger efforts to promote racial equity in San Antonio" and expressing full support directly to the Council and to the Community in a UCSA Press Release on August 2, 2020
- Awareness Engagement: Participated in a Panel Discussion on the Texas Public Radio Program "The Source" on "Creating a Future of Racial Justice, Equity in San Antonio And Beyond" with Mario Salas (Organizer of the San Antonio Coalition on Police Accountability) and Javier Salazar (Bexar County Sheriff). [FULL AUDIO]
- Community Outreach: Formed an Allyship with the Madison Square Presbyterian Church Racial Reconciliation & Justice Ministry to assist their community efforts. "The work of racial reconciliation and dismantling the injustices of white supremacists' structures are essential work for the church, needs to be intentional and long-term," Pastor Bart Roush. UCSA Resource Document
- Lawmaking/Legislative Policy Analysis: Performed review and research on the City of San Antonio City Council "Resolution declaring racism a public health crisis and establishing stronger efforts to promote racial equity in San Antonio". All entities/sources cited were confirmed factual and UCSA Analysis was officially released to the Community
- Social Justice Initiatives: Supported *Black Is Beautiful* hosted by Weathered Souls Brewing Co., which is a collaborative effort to raise awareness for the injustices people of color face daily and raise funds for police brutality reform and legal defenses for those who have been wronged. https://blackisbeautiful.beer/ UCSA Resource Document

Race Relations & A Call for Dialogue: Our community continues to experience ongoing racial injustices. Statements made at both the local and national level have uprooted even more hatred, division, fear, and unrest. UCSA unequivocally condemns all acts of bullying, exclusion, harassment, hatred, oppression, prejudice, racism, and violence. To improve race relations, there must be a call for dialogue with citizens, neighbors, local groups, community leaders, elected, and appointed officials. UCSA Press Release on September 2, 2020

UCSA Resources: UCSA created a Resources Library to provide awareness and education. We invite you to visit https://ucofsa.org/resources to view all informational documents currently available to the Community.

UCSA Board of Directors: UCSA is pleased to announce that Sabrina Macal-Polasek has been elected as UCSA Vice Chair (2005 attendee of the Youth Leadership Camp). "I serve to pay tribute to those who have inspired and motivated me in my path to accomplishing my dreams. I serve to leave the world a little better for those who come after me." Mrs. Macal-Polasek Additionally, UCSA welcomed the following new members: Kate Fraser, Paul C. Jimenez, Gerard Martinez, Kimberly Sama, and Patrick Vallejo.

Coronavirus (Covid-19): Operations continue remotely, and all services remain available virtually. https://ucofsa.org/services

Investment: As a Non-Profit 501c3, UCSA relies on charitable giving. A donation to the mission, purpose, vision, work, and services of UCSA, is an investment in Uniting Communities! If able, please <u>CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION</u>.

Please remember acts of humanity, kindness, and compassion. In Unity, The United Communities of San Antonio

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