



# SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY

January 30, 2012

The Honorable Elisa Chan  
City Council, District 9  
City of San Antonio  
P. O. Box 839966  
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Dear Councilwoman Chan:

The San Antonio Conservation Society is aware of the concern voiced by the North Castle Hills Homeowner Association and others who are opposed to the re-zoning of a parcel of land on Blanco Road, adjacent to the Hardberger Park, to allow construction of a Wal-Mart.

In San Antonio, and in the immediate surrounding area, we have seen far too many commercial and residential developments which ignore the beauty of the topography and natural landscape only to leave huge scars where all the trees are bulldozed and the site flattened for massive new construction and bleak expansive parking lots. The Conservation Society believes that the construction of a Wal-Mart in the proposed location would destroy the natural quality of the area. Additionally, the noise, expansive impervious cover, lighting and twenty-four hour retail activity could be detrimental to the adjoining parkland.

The Conservation Society supports the idea of the creation of a buffer zone between any sort of development and the park area to complement the natural and scenic ambiance and mitigate damage to the park.

Yours truly,

Nancy H. Avellar  
President

C: The Hon. Phil Hardberger  
North Castle Hills HOA c/o Wayne Fagan

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