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SA Run-off Elections set for June 7, 2025

Voting for SA Mayor and 4 City Council Members

After a historically low voter turnout, we are now headed to an election on June 7th in San Antonio that will decide who our next mayor is. In spite of the fact that four longtime council members were among the candidates for mayor, they came up short and the finalists for the mayor's race will feature two "outsiders"—which is to say that both candidates will be new to San Antonio city politics. That in itself MAY be a good thing, or not?

Of the 27 candidates that ran for mayor in the May 3rd election, none got close to the 50% plus votes needed to win. Gina Ortiz Jones with 27% and Rolando Pablos with 15% were the top vote getters and will be in the run-off on June 7th for Mayor of San Antonio. Turn-out for the May election failed to reach 10% of San Antonio voters, even though an 8-day early voting window afforded folks plenty of lead time to vote.

The run-offs for Mayor and City Council will also offer lead time for early voting which begins **Tuesday, May 27**, and runs through **Tuesday, June 3**. Voting times will differ from weekdays to weekends as follows:

May 27, **Tuesday to Friday**, May 30 vote daily from **8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

May 31, **Saturday**, vote from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m.** **

June 1st, **Sunday** vote from **Noon to 6 p.m.** **

June 2nd and 3rd, **Monday & Tuesday** vote from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**** Branch location not open**

In addition to the Mayor's race, there will be four City Council seats up for grabs in the June 7th runoff: In **District 1**, *Sukh Kaur*, the incumbent, was short of the 50% plus needed to win with 48.91% of the vote and will be running against *Patty Gibbons*. **District 6** heads to a run off between *Kelly Ann González* and *Ric Galvan*. **District 8** run-off candidates are *Paula McGee* and *Ivalis Meza González*. And, in **District 9**, candidates in the run-off include *Angi Taylor Aramburu* and *Misty Spears*.

During early voting, a voter may vote at any location designated as an early voting location. The **Main Early Voting Location** is the *Bexar County Elections Department* at 1103 S. Frio (210-335-8683). To look up voting sites go to: bit.ly/polling-bexar and remember to bring your I.D. to vote. For a list of acceptable forms of I.D. to vote go to: bit.ly/texas-voter-id

Voting sites will be open from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday June 7th, 2025—Election Day** if you did not vote early. Voting now at the local level impacts future elections at the State and National level. **Let's make every effort to get out the vote! Numbers matter!**

— Gloria A. Ramírez, editor of La Voz de Esperanza



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