



# KC 2 SA LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE DELEGATE NEWS

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## **Choose your own adventure!**

**Sign up for breakout sessions no later than Monday, September 18**

This year's Leadership Exchange to San Antonio includes multiple breakout options on Thursday afternoon. The breakouts will run from 1:30-4 p.m. and directly after, we will gather again at Frost Tower and debrief what we saw and learned.

Please rank the sessions at [THIS LINK](#) in order of your preference. We can't guarantee that you will get your first choice, but we will do our best to accommodate. If we do not receive a response from you by Monday, September 18, then your breakout session will be assigned by the KC Chamber. Please choose based on the descriptions here:

### **A. Haven for Hope Turnkey Homelessness Campus**

*Delegates will have the opportunity to tour this nationally-renowned, no-barriers campus for San Antonio's homeless population, which offers comprehensive services to get at the root causes of homelessness through person-centered, trauma-informed recovery-oriented care. Haven for Hope houses more than 1500 people experiencing homelessness each night including special services for families and veterans. Los Angeles, Wichita, and other cities are working to replicate the Haven for Hope model in their communities.*

### **B. Port of San Antonio Tour**

*Tour participants will experience this 1900-acre innovation campus just southwest of downtown San Antonio, which is home to leading global industries like aerospace, defense, global logistics,*

*manufacturing, cybersecurity and education with more than 80 tenant customers employing 18,000 people in an area served by air, rail and highway. Visitors will see how the unique port setup brings together military, healthcare, science and technology to help San Antonio grow.*

#### **C. San Antonio Medical Center Tour**

*This bus and walking tour will include an in-depth look at San Antonio's Medical Center community that was the impetus for the planned UMKC Health Sciences District. Featuring 11 hospitals, including the largest VA hospital in the country, this tour will showcase the economic and health education impact of developing a health district where scientists, doctors, researchers, educators, and innovators can easily work together to solve problems, launch companies, develop new cures and health strategies.*

#### **D. Downtown Development Walking Tour**

*This walking tour will showcase real estate development trends, opportunities and challenges in the Alamo City while learning about the players and politics that impact any community's development and growth. See how the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) is planning to revitalize several square blocks in the downtown area and how the community is working to shine a light on its frontier heritage right smack in the middle of downtown while trying to fill the downtown high-rise office building permanently vacated by USAA during the pandemic.*

#### **E. Towne Twin Village, Permanent Housing for Chronically Homeless**

*This tour will showcase San Antonio's new tiny home village, a Permanent Supportive Housing community using Housing First principles for the most marginalized and vulnerable individuals in the San Antonio region. Delegates will see the current community with tiny homes and a block for mid-sized RVs, which are preferred by many of the residents. The tour will also include plans for the complete village buildout and explore the services and neighborhood design that has all San Antonio councilmembers clamoring for a Towne Twin Village in their districts.*

#### **F. San Antonio History Walking Tour**

*Enjoy an educational walk through historic San Antonio, with architecture dating back to Spanish, Mexican, Texas, Confederate and United States' statehood. Lavish historic theatres, breathtaking missions, German-built hotels, the River Walk...Oh, and "Remember the Alamo."*

#### **Packing advice**

Business casual attire is appropriate for the entire trip this year. There are no locations with any special considerations. We recommend comfortable shoes because of the walking tours and receptions where you will spend time on your feet. Daytime highs should average in the 80s and evening lows in the 60s so dressing in layers would be recommended. We will have both indoor and outdoor venues, and no downtime during the day for significant wardrobe changes!

**There is still time to invite a guest to the Thank You San Antonio Reception (but not a lot)**

If you have a colleague, friend or family member in San Antonio whom you would like to invite to our October 5 Reception, please provide their name, title, company name and email address to Melanie Mattes, [LEX@kcchamber.com](mailto:LEX@kcchamber.com) no later than **September 15**. One guest per delegate please. Here are the details:

**Thank You San Antonio Reception**

Thursday, October 5  
Reception 5:00-6:30 p.m.  
Frost Bank Tower  
111 W Houston St.  
San Antonio TX 78205

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\*\*\* [HERE](#) is a link to the latest delegate list. Several updates since you saw it last week.

\*\*\* [HERE](#) is a link to our most current draft itinerary document. Still a draft, but looking good.

Don't see what you need to know? Email questions to Melanie at [LEX@kcchamber.com](mailto:LEX@kcchamber.com).

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