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It's not too late (but almost)

If you have already made your breakout session selection, thank you! Three of our sessions are now full. If you have not made your breakout session selection yet, you have until Tuesday, September 26 to choose from the sessions that still have availability. After that date, the Chamber will need to choose for you. Here is [the link](#) to register. The remaining sessions are:

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.

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.

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.

Way to go, UTSA!

The University of Texas San Antonio has jumped 92 spots on a US News Best Colleges list. We are slated to hear from UTSA leaders about their urban development plan on Friday, October 6. Delegate and UMKC Chancellor Mauli Agrawal will have thoughts on this – it's his former employer.

<https://www.utsa.edu/today/2023/09/story/bold-showing-us-news-best-colleges.html#:~:text=SEPTEMBER%2019%2C%202023%20—%20The%20University,of%20all%20colleges%20and%20universities.>

San Antonio Works Toward Universal Pre-K Funded by Sales Tax

Pre-K 4 SA, San Antonio's universal Pre-K initiative, is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the educational and workforce trajectory of San Antonio and has long been recognized as one of the more successful early childhood programs in the country. The program estimates a \$3,790 return on investment per child and an annual \$7,360,000 return on investment for the community. Pre-K 4 SA's research shows that their students achieved higher K-12 scores in reading and math relative to students attending other local pre-K programs. Leadership Exchange delegates will learn about this precedent-setting program and can read what others are saying about the program using the links below.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/nov/13/preschool-san-antonio-texas>

[Pre-K 4 SA - High Quality in Pre-K in San Antonio, TX \(prek4sa.com\)](#)

[Pre-K4SA-3 10-30-22.pdf \(utsa.edu\)](#)

The Alamo City Lifts up Minority-Owned Businesses by Strengthening Support Agencies

In San Antonio, Hispanic and Black residents make up 60% and 9% of the population respectively and only own around 24% and 2% of all businesses. As part of the city's new economic development framework, several nonprofit agencies have launched a set of strategies to develop a more inclusive small business ecosystem to help advance access to flexible capital, sustainability and resiliency, and access to commerce networks. San Antonio's LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation) office is leading the charge and has secured more than \$3.5 million in grants and contracts to support small business development work in the past two years. Use the links that follow to learn more about the program that is part of our Leadership Exchange study agenda.

[small_business_ecosystem_assessment_sanantonio-report_final.pdf \(lisc.org\)](#)

\$3 Billion Investment in San Antonio 360 Approach to Housing for All

In 2021, 95,000 households in Bexar County, TX were left without housing options affordable to them. San Antonio's Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP)—a 10-year initiative with an estimated cost of over \$3 billion toward affordable housing efforts—includes the goals of developing a coordinated housing system; increasing city investment in housing; increasing affordable housing production, rehabilitation, and preservation; protecting and promoting neighborhoods; and ensuring accountability to the public. Despite aggressive goals, strong coordination and forward movement of this initiative, developers are struggling to accommodate affordable housing objectives due to inflation and increasing interest rates. The links below highlight different aspects of this bold affordable housing initiative.

[SHIP Approved.pdf \(sanantonio.gov\)](#)

<https://sanantonioreport.org/affordable-homes-san-antonio-two-websites-that-can-help/>

<https://saheron.com/what-is-affordable-housing-in-san-antonio/>

[Out of Reach: Why San Antonio can't get a grip on its affordable housing crisis | San Antonio News | San Antonio | San Antonio Current \(sacurrent.com\)](#)

[Affordable Housing Shortage Looms Amid Inflation, High Construction Costs - Bloomberg](#)

Get your guests in

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 ASAP to Melanie Mattes, LEX@kcchamber.com.

*** [HERE](#) is a link to our most current draft itinerary document.

The delegate list is attached this week!

You have questions? We can help! Email Melanie at LEX@kcchamber.com.

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