

**National Compliance Assistance Providers Forum**  
***“Optimizing Resources for Environmental Results”***

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**Remarks of Mr. David Carpenter, Councilman, District 10, City of San Antonio, Texas**

Mr. Carpenter welcomed Forum participants to San Antonio. He talked about the city's tremendous growth and its environmental challenges, especially air and water quality. The city has developed a strict water quality policy and has taken action to require protection of thousands of recharge acres. The city has also focused on public education to prevent pollution. He noted the city has also taken recent action to improve air quality.

Another challenge facing the city is the disposal of brush and bulky items. Like most cities, San Antonio is facing budget constraints. During the budget process, curbside collection of bulky items was initially eliminated. However, due to an outpouring of support from its citizens, San Antonio reinstated bulky item curbside pickups. The notification and collection process has been improved to ensure these items are not left curbside for long periods of time.

The city is also addressing the overall cleanliness of its urban environment. The community is becoming more responsible and environmentally conscious. Mr. Carpenter ended his presentation with a wish that everyone enjoy the great City of San Antonio.