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## Clean Up Bexar County Bill Headed To The Governor's Desk

**Austin, Texas** - Senate Bill 1229, also known as the Clean Up Bexar County Bill, is on its way to the Governor's desk after passing the House of Representatives and the Senate. Senate Bill 1229 will give Bexar County Commissioners Court the authority to establish a solid waste services program in the unincorporated parts of the county. This bill will help residents who have been living in what the Express-News Editorial Board called, "[third-world conditions](#)." The legislation was a major priority for Senator José Menéndez, Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins and Commissioner Tommy Calvert. These local leaders now urge the Governor to sign this necessary and important legislation.

*The following quote is attributed to Senator José Menéndez:*

"Our constituents send us to Austin to roll our up sleeves and get to work on the issues that help our neighborhoods. With the passage of Senate Bill 1229, that is exactly what we did. Once the Governor signs this legislation and Bexar County establishes the program, children won't have to walk through trash and residents can have confidence in regular waste service. I want to thank Representative Gervin-Hawkins and Commissioner Calvert for their leadership and work on this legislation."

*The following quote is attributed to Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins:*

"I appreciate the efforts and support of my Bexar County legislative colleagues in getting this bill through. Legislation can be a long and complicated process and ultimately it is something that no one member can do alone. This bill has been a long time coming. Once the Governor signs it, we can be sure that no one in Bexar County will have to live surrounded by trash ever again. I would also like to thank Senator Menéndez and Commissioner Calvert for helping to make this legislation possible and for helping to end the trash crisis facing our community."

*The following quote is attributed to Commissioner Tommy Calvert:*

"I am proud of the work of Senator Menéndez and Representative Gervin-Hawkins. This is a community problem that requires a community solution. Once Senate Bill 1229 becomes law, Bexar County will take action and end the suffering in our neighborhoods. The Clean Up Bexar County Bill will give us the authority we need to implement regular waste service. Our constituents deserve it and need it."

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