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**COUNCILMAN KRIER ADMITS LAWSUIT AGAINST POLICE AND FIRE
HAS ALMOST NO CHANCE OF SUCCESS**

SAN ANTONIO, TX— Councilman Joe Krier made some revealing comments regarding police and fire contract negotiations at a recent “open to the public” neighborhood association meeting.

During the public meeting, recorded by an off duty member of SAPOA, Krier states the following:

“The only bargaining chip we have right now that’s of any importance to them is this Evergreen Clause. If they lose the Evergreen Clause there is no contract. There is a less than 5%, listen I am a lawyer, there is a 5% chance that the City can win that declaratory judgment action. Less than 5%.”

Krier’s own words reveal that City Manager Sheryl Sculley has utilized the lawsuit against police officers and firefighters for purely political leverage and bargaining position. Krier, an attorney for 40+ years, clearly states the lawsuit has almost no chance of success. With that in mind, the following questions should be asked:

- Why is the City Manager pursuing a legal strategy that even one of her staunchest council supporters says has virtually no chance of success?
- More importantly, why is the City Manager spending almost a million taxpayer dollars in legal fees to pursue a lawsuit that Joe Krier, the most experienced attorney on the City Council, says has less than 5% chance of success?

Michael Helle, President of SAPOA, issued the following statement, *“The citizens of San Antonio should ask their Council members why we are spending hard-earned tax dollars on a lawsuit that Joe Krier admits has little chance of success. Based on these comments, the lawsuit should be revoked immediately, as it’s clearly a political and PR maneuver by the City manager rather than a genuine legal concern. We need to get back to working together and statements like this hurt the entire process.”*

Unfortunately, this isn’t the first time Joe Krier has said things in public meetings that only serve to inflame and jeopardize trust in the negotiation process. From attempting to force police officers and firefighters to live in the City limits, to admitting the City’s legal strategy has virtually no chance of succeeding, it is clear that Joe Krier has one message for the public and another for meetings where the media isn’t present. For that reason, we have tried to attend as many meetings as possible where Joe Krier speaks to ensure a fair and accurate presentation of the facts.”

To hear Councilman Krier’s public comments, go to www.publicsafetyfacts.com.

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