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State of Texas and City of San Antonio Reach Historic Lease Agreement for Alamo Preservation Plan

San Antonio City Council to vote October 18th, 2018

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SAN ANTONIO — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush released the following statement after announcing the lease language agreed to by the State of Texas and City of San Antonio. The lease allows the State of Texas to operate and manage the Alamo premises for 50-years, rent free, with the option of two 25-year extensions. The lease is set to be approved by the San Antonio City Council on October 18th.

“There is no doubt, the Alamo is the most revered site in Texas history,” said Commissioner George P. Bush. “The City of San Antonio and the General Land Office have reached a historic agreement, moving forward on a lease to ensure that the Alamo will be protected and preserved for generations of Texans to come. Negotiations on a zero-cost lease have not been taken lightly, and all parties involved have done their due diligence to ensure the agreement tells the full story of the Battle of the Alamo and Texas Revolution. Upon signing the lease, the 1836 Battlefield will be restored to its historic footprint and an Alamo museum will be built, restoring reverence to the shrine of Texas liberty. I look forward to the San Antonio City Council’s vote of approval and moving yet another step closer to making the restoration of the Alamo footprint a reality.”

[Read the lease here.](#)

The Alamo Plaza lease agreement ensures:

1. The site will be used to tell the full story of the Battle of the Alamo and the Texas Revolution (Section 6.02).
2. The state will manage and operate the Alamo’s battlefield (Section 6).
3. The state will pay no rent (3.01).
4. No non-governmental organization including the UN or UNESCO or any of their subsidiary organizations will have any role whatsoever at the Alamo (Section 6.07).
5. The city will maintain police presence in the southern part of Alamo Plaza to protect the Cenotaph (Section 8.03).
6. The city will clean up and maintain the battlefield after museum hours (Section 3.02).
7. The city assists with security to protect the Alamo and its visitors (Section 3.02).

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