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**San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside Announces Support
For Alamo Beer Brewery Project**
SAGE Recognizes Growth and Job Opportunity

SAN ANTONIO (August 23, 2011) - As a non-profit organization that serves as a growth engine for San Antonio's Eastside, San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE) announces its support for the Alamo Beer Brewery Project with a focus on growth and job opportunity for the community.

"SAGE helps Eastside businesses expand and grow, as well as supports new businesses joining our community," said Jackie Gorman-Johnson, SAGE Executive Director. "Our board of directors voted to support the efforts of the Alamo Beer Company to develop the brewing facility as a tourist destination and event venue in order to attract business to the Eastside and provide jobs."

The Alamo Beer Company is seeking to acquire and develop the property located on the southwest corner of North Cherry and Lamar Streets under the Hays Street Bridge in order to design and construct an approximately 38,000 square foot facility in two phases to house its brewing operations. The company also intends to develop a small "beer garden" restaurant on the rooftop of the facility.

The Alamo Beer Brewery Project is proposing to invest some \$5.7 million in facility development and equipment while creating 10 new jobs in its first year of brewing operation with the number of employees expected to grow to at least 39 over seven years.

"This is an investment into the Eastside business community," said Councilwoman Ivy Taylor of District 2. "Small businesses such as the Alamo Beer Company are the lifeblood of the San Antonio economy, employing more than 33% of the civilian workforce. These small businesses are the linchpin in any successful economic revitalization of a community."

SAGE is dedicated to growing the economic vitality and opportunity of the city's eastside. As an advocate of the Eastside business community, SAGE helps tell the story of economic opportunity on the Eastside, as well as brings dollars to the table to help Eastside businesses grow. Through partnerships such as with the City of San Antonio,

SAGE identifies the needs of the Eastside business community and provides assistance through programs such as the Store-Front Grant Program.

“It’s a new era on the Eastside,” said SAGE Board Chairman, Leo Gomez. “We are seeing businesses grow and new businesses sprout up as people start to realize the benefits of Eastside business and living near both the downtown area and all the new growth at Fort Sam.”

The Dignowity Hill Neighborhood Associations that represents the Eastside neighborhood where the proposed Alamo Beer Brewery Project is expected to be developed has also voted to support the project.

About SAGE

SAGE is a non-profit organization that serves as a growth engine for San Antonio’s Eastside. Through partnerships, alliances and leveraging resources, we help Eastside businesses expand and grow and support new businesses joining our community. Our passion is telling the story and celebrating the successes of San Antonio’s Eastside.

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