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Think back to 1990, when we were shopping at Joskes, writing on typewriters, and the developed area along I-10 West stopped at Huebner Rd. San Antonio is a very different place today than it was 25 years ago, and the City today kicked off SA Tomorrow, to plan for a vastly different world 25 years from now, News Radio 1200 WOAI reports.

First of all, San Antonio is expected to have a population in 2040 of 2.5 million, which means there will be twice the population growth in the coming quarter century than we saw in the last 25 years. The City's population in 1990 was about 990,000, which means San Antonio has grown by about a half million in the past 25 years.

The SA Tomorrow plan will start working now to determine where all those new people will live, how they will get to work, what types of jobs they will have, and how to make sure the city continues to function effectively.

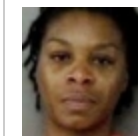
"Many literary scholars have observed that it wasn't raining when Noah started building his ark," Councilman Ron Nirenberg said,



pointing out the need to begin doing planning today.

The public will have plenty of opportunities to provide input, starting with an open house set for April 11th.

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The goal, Nirenberg said, will be sustainable growth. Without it, experts are afraid traffic jams will grow longer, the city's urban sprawl will continue to spread, and the new 1.1 million people will simply make living in San Antonio unbearable.

"By focusing our growth, we can make sure that everyone's best interests are accounted for," Nirenberg said.

One of the goals is to try to determine which types of jobs will emerge in the coming 25 years. IN 1990, for example, it would have been impossible to imagine a Rackspace, which is now one of the county's largest employers.

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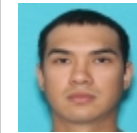
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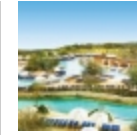


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