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## **SA2020 Honored with “Civvys” Award, Counted as One of Six Exemplary Cases of Civic Collaboration**

**San Antonio, TX** - The American Civic Collaboration Awards (Civvys) today announced SA2020 as one of six organizations being honored for their impactful work in civic engagement.

The 2020-21 award cycle saw the highest number of nominees, making for a competitive selection process—and demonstrating the growing breadth and depth of civic efforts happening across the nation. SA2020 claimed the Local Prize, which honors organizations that are designed to serve a local, state, or regional community.

“With a decade of recorded success, SA2020 shows it can serve as a model for other cities,” said Mayor Ron Nirenberg, who nominated the organization for the award. “This award shows that San Antonio is writing the blueprint for how large cities can envision and realize the future of our community together.”

The six winners of the fourth annual Civvys Awards represent outstanding examples of civic-oriented work that elevate democracy at every level of American life. Nominees are evaluated by an esteemed review committee, composed of leaders in civic engagement, politics, research, and community impact. Criterion for projects include: the ability to be scaled, replicated, and leveraged, a high degree of collaboration among multiple stakeholders, and meaningful and measured shared goals through effective facilitation.

“At home, at work, in our neighborhoods and schools, mainstream citizens are leading by example to improve their communities and our democracy by working together and problem-solving ways to make our differences work for us, not against us,” said F. Willis Johnson, Jr., Vice President of Partnerships and Programming with Bridge Alliance, one of the three organizations presenting the Civvys.

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“We drive progress toward a shared Community Vision for San Antonio in partnership with San Antonians,” said Kiran Kaur Bains, President & CEO of SA2020. “We are honored to be recognized for this work nationally. We know of no other large city in the United States that has a shared vision created by the people who call the city home and an objective nonprofit organization, like SA2020, holding more than 170 organizations accountable to shared goals.”

SA2020 joined [Civic Responsibility Project](#), [Green Our Planet](#), [Pandemic Voting Project](#), [Maria Yuan and Issue Voter](#), and [DoSomething.Org](#) in a virtual ceremony, live-streamed at [www.civvys.org](http://www.civvys.org) on April 19, 2021.

**About the Civvys:**

Now in its fourth year, the Civvys are the first national awards program that highlights best practices in civic collaboration and collective action that put community and nation before party, ideology and narrow interests. For more information, visit [thecivvys.org](http://thecivvys.org).

**About SA2020:**

SA2020 drives progress toward a shared Community Vision for San Antonio through research, storytelling, and practice. We produce broadly accessible and actionable research, tell stories that broaden perspectives and reshape narratives, and hold institutions accountable to San Antonio's Community Vision, originally created in 2010. In 2020, nearly 12,300 San Antonians reaffirmed and strengthened the Community Vision for another decade. For more information, visit [SA2020.org](http://SA2020.org).

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