

## Mayor Taylor taps Workforce Solutions Alamo CEO to help shape national policy

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Mayor [Ivy Taylor](#) has appointed [Workforce Solutions Alamo](#) CEO [Gail Hathaway](#) to represent her office on the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council. It's a move that could help San Antonio address its current and future workforce development challenges and better prepare the Alamo City to pursue greater economic development opportunities.



Taylor said San Antonio needs to be part of the national conversation and Hathaway is the right person to help determine how this region's workforce issues are represented in Washington, D.C.

I reached out to Hathaway about her new role and about the opportunity for San Antonio to engage in more dialogue at the national level about workforce development issues and initiatives:

### **What role will this council play in helping create critical workforce development policy at the national level?**

The council is made up of workforce development professionals whose mayors are part of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. As a council, the members bring forth issues and pass resolutions that are given to Congress through the Jobs, Workforce and Education Committee. Workforce Solutions Alamo is the voice and advocate of the local workforce at the national level.

## **What does San Antonio have to offer to advance that dialogue?**

Because San Antonio has successfully diversified its economy and is a leader in helping disabled individuals, as well as increasing adult literacy, we bring a unique perspective to the national landscape.

## **What do you want to see in terms of new workforce development policy that would benefit San Antonio most?**

As San Antonio continues to grow, we want to see at least two critical issues addressed: Dual-generation poverty and youth work readiness after graduating high school. We believe that addressing these two pressing issues can have a positive effect on issues such as physical and mental health, violence, child development and numerous other issues related to the cycle of poverty.

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