

Economic Development

2005 - CCSA took leadership in defeating a bond that would have essentially gutted our oldest Historical Black Education Institution, St. Philip's College, was monumental and historical. The phrase coined by CCSA... "Vote it down– Send It Back – Do it Right," echoed throughout the community as we "voted up" the ACCD Bond of \$450 million dollars (some \$60 million to St. Philip's College). The victory came on the heels of defeat for the district, which tried and failed in February 2005 to pass a bond package that would have shifted resources for nursing programs from inner-city campuses to a new facility at the South Texas Medical Center. The impact that CCSA had on the community to "Vote it Down – Send It Back – Do It Right" resulted in expanding the nursing and allied health programs at St. Phillip's and San Antonio College

2008 - In May 2008, the City of San Antonio went to the polls to vote on the extension of the visitor/venue tax. CCSA exercised her strength in getting the community to the polls, requesting the support of Bexar County Community Venues Committee Regional Amateur Sports Facilities in the development of the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex (WHSC), a regional multisports complex in Southeast Bexar County. This land, once flourishing with homes and livelihood, was washed away in the flood of 1998 and lay barren and unfruitful. With the passing of the venue tax, some \$7.5 million would be allocated to this area to develop state-of-the-art sports complexes that would draw local, state, and national events to these facilities and attract tourism as well as economic improvement and development on the East Side.

2011 - CCSA continued its work by collaborating with others to improve the quality of life for all San Antonio families. After two years of construction, the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex is complete. On February 14, 2012, the Wheatley Heights Sports Complex ribbon ceremony took place.