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City University Participants Experience Hands-On Open Government

New Braunfels, Texas — The New Braunfels City University program allows citizens to experience the workings of their city government first-hand. The curriculum is designed to encourage a well-informed public and potentially increase their involvement in city committees, boards and commissions.

Program meetings are held over selected Thursday evening's beginning on January 10, 2019 and concluding with a graduation dinner. Programs on City services are provided by the following departments: Airport, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, City Secretary's Office, Finance, Fire/EMS, Human Resources, Information Technology, Library, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Community Development, Police, and Public Works.

"City University is an interactive learning experience," said Jared Werner, Interim Human Resources Director. "The hands-on experiences, case studies, site tours, group discussions, and demonstrations provide a unique understanding of municipal operations and promote transparency and open government."

Some graduates of previous City University programs have gone on to serve in the following city organizations:

- City Council
- Airport Advisory Board
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Bond Advisory Committee
- Downtown Board
- Civil Service Commission
- Building Standards Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Transportation & Traffic Advisory Board
- Ethics Commission
- Watershed Advisory Committee
- Community Development Advisory Committee
- Golf Course Advisory Board

City University applications are available at www.nbtexas.org/cityuniversity and are submitted online. If a paper application is needed, it may be picked up at City Hall, 550 Landa Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday or by contacting Kolby Burkhardt at 830-221-4391 or emailing kburkhardt@nbtexas. All previously submitted paper applications for the 2019 session are still being considered and will not need to be re-submitted online.

Applications for the 2019 session of the free City University program will be accepted online through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7th. Applicants must be residents of the City, or its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), and be at least 17 years of age. Space in the program is limited.

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