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Hanoi Hospital Plea Halted by Texas Politics

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SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 20 (UPI)—The city council, which earlier in the week asked local citizens to donate funds for rebuilding Hanoi's bombed Bach Mai hospital, "as a humanitarian gesture," now says its actions were misunderstood and disassociates itself from the movement.

"It was felt that this was a very humanitarian gesture to help the sick and wounded—some of whom could be our own airmen that had been shot down and taken to this particular hospital for treatment," a statement issued by Mayor Pro Tem Carol Haberman said.

But more than 100 calls from angry citizens began concerning councilmen who face re-election in April. One military man called to say he and 25 friends would spend "every nickel we've got" to oust the present council members.