AN ORDINANCE

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CREATING A JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS TO SERVE CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE CITY/COUNTY'S ELDER CITIZENS SIXTY (60) YEARS AND OLDER AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR EDWARD GARZA.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2001, the County Commissioner's Court approved an ordinance authorizing the creation of a joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2002, Mayor Edward Garza requested support for the creation of this commission through a six signature memo; and

WHEREAS, the senior population 60 years and older of San Antonio and Bexar County comprise 13.7% of the total population and is the fastest growing segment of the total population in the City and County; and

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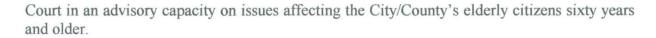
WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County's population 45 years of age through 59 years of age currently comprises 16.6% (231,513) of the City and County's total population, thus resulting in this segment of our population entering the 60 years and older group within the next 15 years, increasing this segment of our population and its needs significantly; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioner's Court finds it to be in the best interest of the City/County to assist these citizens by creating a Commission on Elderly Affairs to serve as a clearing house for services provided by the numerous local, state, and federal Elder-related service delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioner's Court further find that the City/County would benefit from a Commission that will, among other things, provide policy guidance to City Council and the Commissioners Court regarding the many pressing issues affecting the elderly; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a joint advisory commission to the City Council of San Antonio and to the Bexar County Commissioner's Court to be known as the "City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs" to act as a clearinghouse on the many services available to the elderly and to serve the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioners



Section 2. The Commission shall be composed of seventeen (17) members. Sixteen of the members shall be appointed by City Council/Commissioners Court for staggered two (2) year terms (one appointment from each City Council member, the Mayor, each County Commissioner and the County Judge) The initial term of the members appointed by City Council/Commissioners Court will be as follows: eight (8) members serving two (2) year terms and eight members serving one year terms, thereafter all terms will be for two (2) years. Each member appointed by the City Council/Commissioners Court must be 60 years of age or older and may serve no more than three two (2) year terms. The Executive Director of the Alamo Area of Council of Governments shall serve on the Commission as an ex-officio member.

SECTION 3. The City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs shall be governed by the Bylaws attached hereto as Attachment I. City guidelines for commission members will be adhered to. A copy of said guidelines are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment II

SECTION 4. The Commission shall receive a "sunset" review by City Council and Commissioner's Court, every four years, to reevaluate its purpose and necessity.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 day of _

2002

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Mayor

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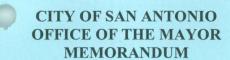
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	FINANCE- TREASURY
	FIRE DEPARTMENT
	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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	MAYOR'S OFFICE
	METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
	MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION
	MUNICIPAL COURT
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	PARKS AND RECREATION
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	URBAN DESIGN/HISTORIC PRESERVATION
	DISABILITY ACCESS OFFICE
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-	PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
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	PARKING DIVISION
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	PURCHASING AND GENERAL SERVICES
	SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEMS (SAWS)
	VIA



TO:

City Council

FROM:

Edward D. Garza, Mayor of the City of San Antonio

COPIES TO:

Terry Brechtel, City Manager

SUBJECT:

City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs

DATE:

January 31, 2002

Through this memo I request that you join me in supporting the creation of a joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs, to serve the City Council and the County Commissioners Court in an advisory capacity on issues affecting citizens 60 years and older. As outlined in the attached draft ordinance, the proposed Commission is needed to advise policymakers on the needs of the large and growing segment of our population? that is over 60 years of age. The Commission would act as advocates and as a clearinghouse for information on such issues as healthcare, job training, affordable housing and transportation as they affect the elderly.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 63

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Dennis J. Campa, Director

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

COPIES:

Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Assistant City Manager; City Attorney's Office, City Clerk's Office, Department of External Affairs; Neighborhood Action Department; Department of Housing and Community Development; San Antonio Metropolitan Health District; Office of Management and Budget; Finance Department; File

SUBJECT:

Joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs

DATE:

June 27, 2002

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance authorizes the creation of a joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs to serve City Council and County Commissioner's Court in an advisory capacity on issues affecting elder citizens sixty (60) years and older, as requested by Mayor Edward Garza. The Commission will act as an advocate and as a clearinghouse for information on such issues as health care, job training, affordable housing and transportation, as they affect this segment of the population.

Staff recommends the approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to Bexar County Census 2000 data, the senior population 60 years and older comprises 13.7% of the 1.392,931 total county population and is the fastest growing segment of the total population in the City and County. This segment of the population is living longer thanks to modern medicine and significantly improved quality of life. However, this segment is still in most need of health care, transportation, independent living assistance and legal benefits.

The City and County propose to further assist these citizens by creating a Commission of Elder Affairs that_would serve as a clearing house for services provided by numerous local, state, and federal elder-related service delivery systems such as the Department of Aging, Health and Human Services, various City and County departments and the many elder advocate organizations. The Commission will among other objectives, provide policy guidance to City Council and the Commissioner's Court regarding the many pressing issues affecting seniors. The Commission will consist of 16 members, each Council Member will receive one appointment, as will the Mayor, each County Commissioner and the County Judge.

ATTACHMENT I

Guidelines for Charter/Statutory and Loan Committee Boards and Commissions and for Council Created Advisory Boards and Commissions:

Appointments.

- (a) A work session of the City Council for at large appointments will be held quarterly.
- (b) Formal appointments as a result of the quarterly work sessions will be scheduled at least one (1) week after the work session.

Attendance. If a member's attendance at regularly scheduled meetings falls below 50% on an annual basis from the appointment date or a member misses three (3) regularly scheduled dates or a member misses three (3) regularly scheduled consecutive meetings, the member will be asked by the City Council to resign. Absences may be formally excused by the respective Board or Commission. Procedures will be established to enforce this attendance requirement.

Information on Boards and Commissions.

- (a) Public Notices will list vacancies on Boards and Commissions.
- (b) Informational material will be available to prospective appointees. The material will contain current data about all Boards and Commissions.

Membership.

- (a) Eleven members (1 per Council District and Mayor) per Board or Commission except as provided otherwise in the Board or Commission's enacting ordinance, unless the number of members is established by statutory or City Charter provisions or by other law.
- (b) Each citizen will be limited to membership on two (2) Boards or Commissions at the same time (to include Advisory, Charter, and Loan Boards or Commissions)

New Members Orientation and Swearing In.

- (a) City Council/staff will conduct an orentation for all new members periodically
- (b) Newly appointed members will be invited to be swom in during a City Council Meeting.

<u>Procedure</u>. Boards and Commissions will follow the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order in conducting their meetings.

Removal from Office. Board and Commission members may be removed from office at the discretion of the City Council, unless removal is otherwise provided for by statutory or City Charter provisions or by other law.

Resignations. All resignations must be in writing and filed with the office of the City Clerk.

Sunset. Sunset (discontinue) inactive Boards and Commissions as necessary.

<u>Talent Pool.</u> A Talent Pool (preferably computerized) will be maintained by City Staff to assist the City Council in appointing interested and qualified Board and Commission members.

Term of Office.

Unless otherwise provided for by statutory or City Charter provisions or by other law:

- (a) Limit of term of office to not exceed two (2) years, except where certain Boards and Commissions mandate longer terms of office in accordance with the enacting ordinance.
- (b) Limit of three (3) complete consecutive terms on Boards and Commissions.
- (c) Staggered terms of office are desired.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ATTACHMENT, THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-29-24, RESOLUTION NO. 92-31-26, RESOLUTION NO. 95-30-41 and RESOLUTION NO. 96-06-04 SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY.

BYLAWS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE COUNTY OF BEXAR JOINT COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS

DUTIES OF COMMISSION

The Commission shall perform the following duties on behalf of, and for the benefit of the City of San Antonio City Council and the County of Bexar Commissioner's Court.

- Annually meet with the County and City Staff to develop the Commission's goals and objectives for the following fiscal year. The goals and objectives are to be incorporated with the budget process, which results in such goals and objectives being submitted to the Commissioner's Court and the City Council for review and final approval.
- Meet periodically with City and County staff, jointly or individually, to review any budget, operating, advertising, staffing or other issues and participate, as needed, in presentations to the City Council and Commissioner's Court during the year.
- The Commission will monitor all federal, state and local legislative initiatives that may effect older citizens sixty (60) years and older of San Antonio and Bexar County in the manner and by the means the Commission determines most cost effective and efficient in fulfilling it's mission.
- The Commission will set up a database listing any and all programs available
 to the elderly in San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas. This database should
 include information on how to contact the service providers, including their
 web sites, if any, as well as the types of services each provider offers.
- The Commission will perform any and all duties and functions as may be directed by the City Council of San Antonio and/or Bexar County Commissioner's Court.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

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Conduct of Meeting: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern Proceedings of all meetings.

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POLICY ANALYSIS

This action constitutes a new area of policy guidance. This action will allow City Council and Commissioner's Court to better coordinate service delivery and establish the foundation for a comprehensive countywide initiative in which seniors can participate, contribute and receive services that enhance their quality of life. This Commission will also better investigate potential policies that directly affect seniors in San Antonio and Bexar County.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The creation of this commission will have a minimal fiscal impact, which will be absorbed by the Department of Community Initiatives.

COORDINATION

The Department of Community Initiatives has coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Clerk's Office, the Office of External Relations, Neighborhood Action Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Bexar County Housing and Human Services, and the Bexar County Clerk's Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Provisions of the Ethics Ordinance do not apply.

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Dennis J. Campa, Director

Department of Community Initiatives

Melissa Byrne Vossmer

Assistant City Manager

Approved:

Terry M. Brechtel

City Manager

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF THE MAYOR **MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Council Edward D. Garza, Mayor of the City of San Antonio FROM: COPIES TO: Terry Brechtel, City Manager City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs SUBJECT:

> January 31, 2002 DATE:

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Proposed Joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs

Purpose

Authorize the creation of a Joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs to serve City Council and the County Commissioners Court in an advisory capacity on issues affecting citizens 60 years and older

Background

- Seniors, 60 years and older, comprise 13.7% (191,067) of the total population of Bexar County*
- Seniors are the fastest growing age group in San Antonio
 - Seniors are living longer because of medical advancements and improved quality of life
- Citizens age 45 59 comprise 16.6% (231,513) of the County's total population*
 - Over the next 15 years, this segment will double the existing 60 and older population

Background

- On November 6, 2001, Bexar County
 Commissioners Court approved an ordinance
 authorizing the creation of a Joint County/City
 Commission on Elderly Affairs
- Mayor Garza requested City Council support for the creation of this joint commission through a six signature memo on January 31, 2002
- On June 13, 2002 City Council Healthy Families Committee was briefed on the proposed commission

Commission Charge

- Serve in an advisory capacity on policy issues affecting citizens sixty (60) years and older
- Advocate for issues such as:
 - healthcare
 - affordable housing
 - transportation
 - job training
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information on elderly issues and services

Proposed Action

- Create a Joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs
- Appoint representatives to a 16 member Commission
 - City
 - Mayor (1)
 - Council Members (1 each)
 - County
 - County Judge (1)
 - County Commissioners (1 each)
- Department of Community Initiatives and Bexar County will provide staff support to the Commission

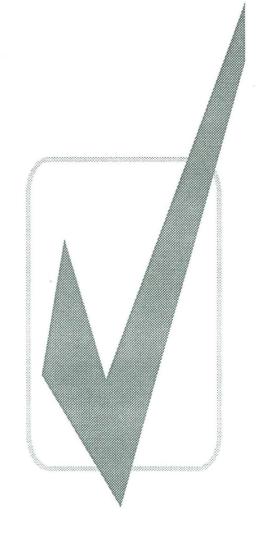
Next Steps

- Finalize appointments to Commission in B Session, August 29, 2002
- Develop a strategic plan for the Commission by December 1, 2002
- Present plan to City Council Economic and Human Development Committee November meeting

Summary

Authorize the creation of a Joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs to serve City Council and the County Commissioners Court in an advisory capacity and advocate for senior issues

Staff
Recommends
Approval of this
Ordinance





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Telephone: 210/733-8111 Fax: 210/432-0930

Office Location : 2121 Bandera Road Mailing Address : P.O. Box 28490 San Antonio, Texas 78228

June 27, 2002

Re: City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs

Due to many reasons the number of people 60 years or older in the City and Bexar County now totals 192,000.

Census figures indicate that the 60 and older group is the fastest growing segment of the total population in the City and County.

This group has special needs in the areas of health care, transportation, Independent living assistance, law enforcement, nutrition, home safety, disability, social interaction, jobs, recreation, and housing, etc. These special need, not only impact the elderly but also have an impact on the children, grandchildren and extended families.

In order to address those issued it is important for the City and County to have an advisory commission on elderly affairs. The commission would act as a clearing house on the many services available to the elderly. It would identify areas that need strengthening. It would monitor the impact of local, state, and federal legislation & regulations.

By passing this ordinance, the City Council will join Commissioners Court in recognizing the 60 year and over group and its special needs.

Submitted by Bob Ross

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Approval Finance Budget Legal Coordinator	Request For Ordinance/Resolution		Date Considered Consent			
Date: June 13, 2002	Department: Community Initiatives		Contact Person/P Dennis J. Campa	Phone #: , Director/207-7111		
Date Council Consideration Requested: June 27, 2002	Deadline for Action: June 27, 2002		Dept. Head Signa	dampe		
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Other Depts., Boards, Committees Involved (please specify):						
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Contract signed by other party Yes No						
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CREATING A JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS TO SERVE CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE CITY/COUNTY'S ELDER CITIZENS SIXTY (60) YEARS AND OLDER AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR EDWARD GARZA.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2001, the County Commissioner's Court approved an ordinance authorizing the creation of a joint City/County Commission on Elderly Affairs; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2002, Mayor Edward Garza requested support for the creation of this commission through a six signature memo; and

WHEREAS, the senior population 60 years and older of San Antonio and Bexar County comprise 13.7% of the total population and is the fastest growing segment of the total population in the City and County; and

WHEREAS, this segment of the population is living longer than before and experiencing an improved quality of life, but is the segment that is in most need of health care, transportation, and independent living assistance and legal benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County's population 45 years of age through 59 years of age currently comprises 16.6% (231,513) of the City and County's total population, thus resulting in this segment of our population entering the 60 years and older group within the next 15 years, increasing this segment of our population and its needs significantly; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioner's Court finds it to be in the best interest of the City/County to assist these citizens by creating a Commission on Elderly Affairs to serve as a clearing house for services provided by the numerous local, state, and federal Elder-related service delivery systems; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioner's Court further find that the City/County would benefit from a Commission that will, among other things, provide policy guidance to City Council and the Commissioners Court regarding the many pressing issues affecting the elderly; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a joint advisory commission to the City Council of San Antonio and to the Bexar County Commissioner's Court to be known as the "City/County Joint Commission on Elder Affairs" to act as a clearinghouse on the many services available to the elderly and to serve the City Council of San Antonio and the Bexar County Commissioners

Court in an advisory capacity on issues affecting the City/County's elderly citizens sixty years and older

SECTION 2. The Commission shall be comprised of sixteen (16) (one appointment from each City Council Member, the Mayor, each County Commissioner, and the County Judge) members appointed by City Council/Commissioner's Court for staggered two (2) year terms. The initial term will be as follows: eight (8) members serving two year terms and eight (8) members serving one year terms, thereafter all terms will be for two (2) years. Each member must be 60 years of age or older and may serve no more than three two year terms.

SECTION 3. The City/County Joint Commission on Elder Affairs shall be governed by the Bylaws attached hereto as Attachment/I. City guidelines for commission members will be adhered to. A copy of said guidelines are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment II.

SECTION 4. The Commission shall receive a "sunset" review by City Council and Commissioner's Court, every four years, to reevaluate its purpose and necessity.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27 4 day of ____

EDWARD D. GARZA

APPROVED AS TO FORM: