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TO: Members of City Council; Sheryl Sculley, City Manager
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San Antonio will celebrate our 300th anniversary on May 5, 2018, a milestone that can be matched by few cities in the United States. From Yanaguana settlement to the Villa de Bejar to the 7th largest city in the United States, our remarkable journey tells the story not just of our people and place but of larger forces that shaped the world we live in today. Our tricentennial year will be an opportunity to discover our roots, commemorate our storied history, recognize our progress and collaborate on our bright future.

I have invited Father David Garcia, Archdiocese of San Antonio; Kelso Director of the San Antonio Museum of Art, Dr. Katie Luber; and Hilton Palacio del Rio General Manager Robert Thraillkill to serve as chairs of the San Antonio Tricentennial Commission. My City Council colleagues and I will name additional citizen members to the Commission, which will coordinate all Tri-Centennial celebration planning, identify potential partners, approve and disseminate a unique identity for our 300th anniversary, and integrate existing and recurring events into the tricentennial framework. Past Mayors and other luminaries will serve as honorary Chairs and commissioners. The San Antonio Tricentennial Commission will report to the City Council through the City Council Governance Committee.

The Tricentennial Commission will be supported by the Tricentennial Organizing Committee, composed of staff from the public sector, non-profit and philanthropic communities. The work of the Organizing Committee will build on extensive research conducted by City of San Antonio staff, including efforts by the City Manager's Office, the Office of Historic Preservation, Center City Development and Operations Department, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Department of Culture and Creative Development, and International Relations Office.

The attached list provides additional details on Commission and Organizing Committee appointments.

Tricentennial Commission (appointed by Mayor and City Council)

Chairs:

Father David Garcia, Archdiocese of San Antonio

Dr. Katie Luber, San Antonio Museum of Art

Mr. Robert Thrailkill, San Antonio Hotel & Lodging Association

Members:

City Council Appointees (10)

Fiesta San Antonio Commission

Luminaria

San Antonio Conservation Society

Bexar County Historical Commission

San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

Joint Base San Antonio

San Antonio Tourism Council

San Antonio Parks Foundation

Hemisfair Park Redevelopment Corporation

Texas General Land Office

Honorary Chairs:

Past Mayors

Community Representatives

Tricentennial Organizing Committee (appointed by Mayor and Governance Committee)

Members:

City of San Antonio Convention and Visitor's Bureau

City of San Antonio Convention Sports and Entertainment Facilities

City of San Antonio Convention and Visitor's Commission

City of San Antonio City Manager's Office

City of San Antonio Auditor's Office

San Antonio Hotel & Lodging Association

San Antonio Tourism Council

San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Industry

San Antonio Restaurant Association

Additional partners, industry liaisons and staff as needed

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