# CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY CLERK'S OFFICE INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

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Manager; Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager; Management

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**SUBJECT:** 

Ordinance Establishing Filing Procedures for Candidates for City Council

and Repealing Ordinance No. 92954, passed on November 30, 2000

DATE:

November 21, 2002

# SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2003 Regular Municipal Election will be conducted on Saturday, May 3, 2003 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and City Council members. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 and will end on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. This proposed ordinance amends the previous ordinance establishing candidate filing procedures.

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATON

The City Council on Thursday, November 30, 2000 approved Ordinance No. 92954 establishing filing procedures for candidates for City Council. This ordinance provides for the City Clerk to prepare and sell candidate packets at a cost of \$10.00 each. The packets contain all the necessary forms for candidate filing and will assist in maintaining uniformity in the application, operation and interpretation of election reporting requirements.

The City Council on Thursday, November 7, 2002 approved ordinance No. 96697 establishing voting precincts to be utilized for the May 3, 2003 Municipal Election, in accordance with the redistricting changes made pursuant to Section 4 of the City Charter and adopted by Ordinance No. 96041 on June 27, 2002, and subsequently approved by the U.S. Department of Justice on August 30, 2002.

(See attached map reflecting 2000 Council Districts).

# **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Based on the 2001 election, it is anticipated that \$6,400.00 will be collected through the sale of candidate packets and filing fees.

Funds for the election are provided under the Municipal Elections budget. This election is estimated to cost \$576,000.00. However, once the contract with Bexar County is finalized, costs will be adjusted at a substantial savings to the City of San Antonio, particularly since several other entities will be involved in this election.

# **COORDINATION**

The proposed ordinance has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, Office of Budget and Management, Planning Department and Information Technology Services Department.

# SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Requirements of the City's Ethics are not applicable.

Yolanda L. Ledesma, Acting City Clerk

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Approved:

Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager