

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ramiro A. Cavazos, Director, Economic Development

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Requesting an Ordinance to Appoint Board Members to the Convention Center Hotel Advisory Board (CCHAB).

DATE: March 6, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This ordinance would appoint the following individuals to the Convention Center Hotel Advisory Board (CCHAB) that was created by City Council: Finance/Banking Sector: Ruben Escobedo, Adam Garza and Joe McKinney; Real Estate/Corporate Sector: Henry Feldman (Hotel/Tourism Industry), Julianne Galloway and Barbara Gentry; Community Appointment: Richard Terrell.

Staff recommends approval.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On February 13, 2003, the City Council was updated on the status of the Convention Center Hotel Project. At that briefing, City Staff recommended the creation of the Convention Center Hotel Advisory Board (CCHAB) that would include local experts, not affiliated with any of the RFQ respondents, who could assist the City Council in formulating recommendations and focus on expediting the hotel development process.

After becoming familiar with the project and financing issues, it is envisioned that the CCHAB would make recommendations about how the City Council should proceed with the following activities:

1. Ranking existing responses
2. Selecting a financial design
3. Identifying the top-ranked developer
4. Project timing

The Advisory Board will consist of seven members serving four-year staggered terms, appointed by City Council. The following individuals have been nominated by City Council to serve on the Board from the industry/community groups specified below:

Finance/Banking Sector

Name

Ruben Escobedo

Adam Garza

Joe McKinney

Real Estate/Corporate Sector (with one from Hotel/Tourism Industry)

Name

Henry Feldman

Julianne Galloway

Barbara Gentry

Community Appointment

Name

Richard Terrell

The City Clerk's Office will administer the procedure to fill the board positions, pursuant to City Council direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS

Appointing board members to the Convention Center Hotel Advisory Board is consistent with the City's practice of involving stakeholders to assist with complex economic development projects.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is minimal impact on the General Fund in appointing members to this Advisory Board.

COORDINATION

This item has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, City Clerk's Office, Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Finance Department.

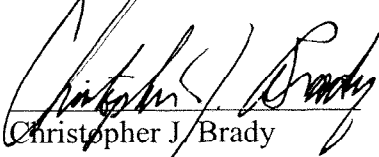
SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

Ethics Disclosure Form is not required.

SIGNATURES



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Approved:



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