

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

TO: Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Council "B" Session: Briefing on the 2003-2005 Annexation Plan's fiscal impacts, service plan provisions, and a recommended annexation strategy.

DATE: October 23, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of this briefing is to present to Council the 2003-2005 Annexation Plan's fiscal impacts, service plan provisions, and a recommended annexation strategy. An overview of the state statutory provisions governing municipal annexations as well as the 13 areas in the Annexation Plan were presented to Council at a "B" Session on October 2, 2003.

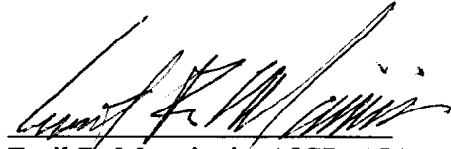

In summary, the 13 annexation areas in the Annexation Plan are identified as the Kyle Seale/Loop1604 area, Helotes Park Terrace/Park at French Creek area, Canyon Springs/Summerglen area, Oliver Ranch area, Sendero Ranch area, Indian Springs area, Evans/Bulverde Road area, and the Southside Initiative limited purpose annexed areas. Cumulatively, these areas comprise approximately 70.4 square miles.

Under the provisions of the annexation law Council is required to conduct two public hearings at which time service plans for the annexation areas are presented. Mandated negotiations begin after the public hearings. The scheduled public hearings are set for October 30, 2003 and November 13, 2003.

The City's goals for annexation are to preserve its range of annexation options, promote orderly growth, provide municipal services, enhance the City's fiscal position, preserve the integrity of the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, and to maintain a systematic annexation process. Staff foresees this proposed annexation as an opportunity for the City to encourage development inside the City limits and plan for development in the limited purpose areas.

The Southside Initiative's limited purpose annexation was an important step taken by Council to begin to establish a direction for growth in an area that has experienced very little growth and economic development over the years. The primary goal of the Southside Initiative is to encourage balanced growth in San Antonio and foster investment in the city's southern sector.

Previous annexations have contributed significantly to the City's growth and economic base. New areas continue to grow with supporting businesses and expanding employment opportunities. The opportunity to plan land uses in those annexed areas is also greatly improved with the provisions of the City's Unified Development Code.


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