

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

TIME CERTAIN
ITEM NO. 4

TO: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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

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SUBJECT: Presentation to City Council of Mayor's Ad Hoc Symphony Task Force Report on August 21, 2003

DATE: August 14, 2003

In response to the fiscal challenges facing the San Antonio Symphony, coupled with their shortened 2002-2003 season, I appointed a five-member Ad Hoc Symphony Task Force in July 2003. This Ad Hoc Task Force was charged with the following:

- Prepare a brief summary of the current financial and legal status of the San Antonio Symphony;
- Review the 1994 Symphony Report presented to Mayor Nelson Wolff and determine which portions of the recommendations have been implemented and what remains to be done;
- Recommend short term steps to preserve symphonic music in San Antonio, including collaboration with other arts organizations and communities; and
- Provide a summary of the current efforts and options for long-term viability of symphonic music.

The Task Force members are: Michael De La Garza, Chair, Meredith Coppolo, Gregg Muenster, Lionel Sosa, and James E. Winget, Jr.

The Mayor's Ad Hoc Symphony Task Force will present their report to City Council on August 21, 2003 as Item B of the 2:00 time-certain presentation. Michael De La Garza will make this presentation and I will introduce the item.



Edward D. Garza
Mayor