

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jelynn LeBlanc Burley, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed Consolidation of City and County Housing Authorities

DATE: August 15, 2005

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Providing safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income families is of critical importance to the entire metropolitan area of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. Currently, there are two housing authorities – the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and the Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC) – providing many of the same services. The City of San Antonio/Bexar County Citizens Commission on Service Integration and the Bexar County Commissioners Court have recommended functional consolidation of the two Authorities to prevent redundant administrative structures.

It is recommended that the City Council Urban Affairs Committee develop a recommended plan to explore the proposed consolidation of the functions and programs of each housing authority into one agency. The future plan should be presented to City Council for approval at a time designated by the Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In its final report, dated April 22, 2004, the *City/County Citizen's Commission on City/County Service Integration* recommended consolidation of the two housing services agencies. The recommendation read: “ **The San Antonio Housing Authority and the Housing Authority of Bexar County should be consolidated into a single city-county housing authority. Pending this structural reorganization, HABC should contract with SAHA for administration of its programs.**” The report was presented to City Council on May 6, 2004. At that time, the Council directed City staff to work with Bexar County to perform a feasibility study on the Commission's recommendations and to report on their findings within 90 days. After an exhaustive study of each recommendation, City staff presented its findings to City Council on August 19, 2004.

On August 2, 2005, through a City Council Action Request, District 2 Councilwoman Sheila D. McNeil requested action be taken to express City Council support for consolidation of SAHA and HABC. The request was supported by the Governance Committee on August 10, 2005 and referred to the City Council Urban Affairs Committee for further study.

The Bexar County Commissioners Court approved a resolution July 26, 2005, supporting the functional consolidation of SAHA and HABC. The field office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of San Antonio's City Council Governance Committee support examining the possibility of the proposed consolidation of SAHA and HABC into one housing authority.

POLICY ANALYSIS

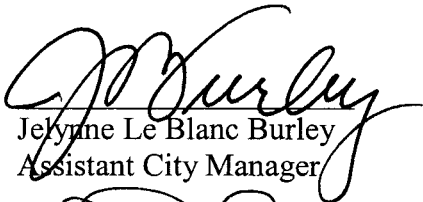
Past policy has been to operate separate housing authorities for the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. This has led to redundant functions and administrative structures which may be eliminated through the functional consolidation of the agencies.

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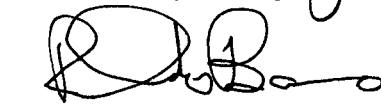
The proposed consolidation will have no financial impact to the City of San Antonio budget.

COORDINATION

This recommendation has been coordinated by the City Manager's Office with the San Antonio Housing Authority and the City Attorney's office.



Jelynn Le Blanc Burley
Assistant City Manager



J. Rolando Bono
City Manager

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE CONSOLIDATION OF
THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING AUTHORITY
AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF BEXAR COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing is a metropolitan issue of critical importance to the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, currently there exist two housing authorities, the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), and the Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC); and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio/Bexar County Citizens Commission on Service Integration recommends functional consolidation between SAHA and HABC to eliminate redundant functions and administrative structures; and

WHEREAS, the Bexar County Commissioners Court, the local office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the City of San Antonio City Council support functional consolidation between SAHA and HABC to provide more efficient service for citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Urban Affairs Committee is tasked to develop a plan and process to complete the consolidation, with recommendations presented to City Council for approval at a date established by the Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of San Antonio supports the functional consolidation of housing authority programs through SAHA's administration of HABC programs.

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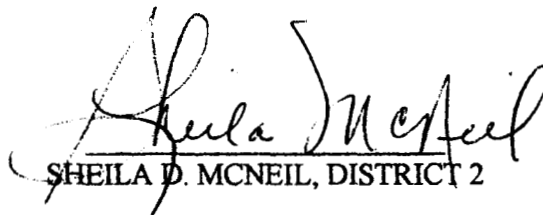
SUBJECT: Consolidation of San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC)

Date: August 2, 2005

I am seeking your support to place a resolution on the August 18th agenda to express the City Council's support for the consolidation of the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and the Housing Authority of Bexar County (HABC).

This consolidation was recommended in 2004 by the *City/County Citizen's Commission on City/County Service Integration*, for which I served as a member. Last week, the Bexar County Commissioners Court took a first step, passing a resolution supporting consolidation. It is now time for the City Council to support the streamlined delivery of services to our most needy citizens and to eliminate duplicative bureaucracies.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important community change.


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