

A Holiday Message from Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez December 2005

This season serves not only as a moment to pause and give thanks; rather, it offers us an opportunity to reflect upon our past and a chance to chart a new course for the ensuing year.

As we celebrate the season, we should pause to salute the men and women who proudly serve our country defending freedom and advancing peace at home and around the globe. My thoughts are with the service members and their families.

In the course of our ever busy lives there is always a reason to be thankful for the blessings we enjoy and grateful for the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Each day we live is a day to give thanks.

This year I maintained my promise of accessibility by holding town hall meetings, meeting with constituents, being actively visible in the community and working closely with other elected officials on issues affecting our community; including: fair and equitable water supply, affordable housing, public transportation, and community health. I intend to stand firm on my commitment again for the years to come.

Since January 2005, I worked diligently to provide for a half million dollars in public service and infrastructure funding in Precinct 1; voted for a voluntary County tax freeze on homesteads for the elderly and the disabled; and helped craft and voted for a tax incentive package for the 18 Toyota suppliers that in turn will create over 2,500 jobs in Bexar County.

In addition, I voted to create a Veterans Advisory Committee charged to ensure Bexar County serves the needs of our Veterans; and helped bring \$50,000 dollars to programs that help at risk youth in Precinct 1 to include: the San Antonio Sports Foundation, Martinez Street Women’s Center, and Por Vida Academy.

Precinct 1 is a rapidly changing community with the future opening of the Toyota plant, the development of City South, the possibility of a Texas A&M University and with the many positive things occurring at KellyUSA. We must receive this change with open arms. I strongly hold to the idea President Jimmy Carter put forth in his 1977 inaugural address, “We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.”

It is truly an honor to serve my community and my door is always open to anyone who is willing to work with me to make Bexar County a premier county.

This Holiday Season, we again give thanks for all of our blessings we enjoy everyday. Keep sharing the love in your heart with your neighbors and making our community a safe and better place to live. Our community is stronger when we work together, help one another, and care for each other.

May God bless you and your family with love, peace, and health.