

Talking Points

Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez

Presentation of Pioneer Award to Cindy Gabriel, Coliseum Advisory Board

April 2, 2009

- Good morning.
- I am honored to attend this Board meeting and to present this award to a well deserved woman.
- While Women’s History Month has already concluded, the spirit of celebrating a woman’s successes and triumphs never ends.
- After the designation of women’s history, many organizations took the celebration of women one step farther and began a tradition of selecting one special community leader who stood out.
- This recognition, called the Pioneer Award, represents excellence in community service, achievement, dedication, and determination.
- As long as I have known Cindy Gabriel, I have never encountered a woman who was more devoted to her family, more focused in contributing to the improvement of her surrounding community, and more humbled despite her great success in the business community.
- Cindy has set new standards for women in the Bexar County Community having been the first ever woman to serve on the Coliseum Advisory Board.
- Cindy has a well established and successful business in which she has played an instrumental role in excelling and branding.
- When I think of Cindy Gabriel, I remember a quote about how “the key for women is not to set any limits”.
- Cindy, you are definitely one woman who does not set any limits.
- I am truly honored to have been selected to present it to you today. Congratulations.