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**Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez Oath of Office**

Bexar County Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez received his oath of office on Tuesday during the first Commissioners Court meeting of the New Year. Commissioner Chico Rodriguez was successfully re-elected to serve a second term on the Bexar County Commissioners Court on November 4, 2008 with a total of 70,755 votes. He represents precinct 1, the largest precinct in the county with more than 300,000 residents mostly from the South and Southwest sides of Bexar County.

Throughout his first term in office, Commissioner Chico Rodriguez maintained his promise of accessibility to his constituents through town hall meetings, meetings with constituents, being actively visible in the community and working closely with other elected officials on issues affecting the community, such as fair and equitable water supply, affordable housing, public transportation, community health and quality development with sound infrastructure.

Several of Commissioner Chico Rodriguez’ accomplishments while in office include support for a \$550 million flood control project, the largest capital improvement program in Bexar County history; funding for Mission County Park upgrades; negotiating with TXDOT for approval of pass-through financing agreement to complete and expand State Hwy 211 and Potranco Road; healthcare initiatives such as establishing a downtown Bexar County Employee Wellness Clinic, a 71,000 square foot CentroMed Health and Wellness Center off Commercial Road and \$92 million in improvements to the downtown University Health System facility; spearheading a future Sheriff's training facility to include a firing range; and establishing a new South Side county satellite office to house a Justice of the Peace precinct 1 court, tax office, Constables office, and Commissioner Precinct 1 office.

“Precinct 1 is a rapidly changing community. We have seen great progress, but there is much more to do,” Commissioner Chico Rodriguez said. “It is truly an honor to continue serving this community and my door is always open to my constituents.”

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Commissioner Sergio "Chico" Rodriguez' accomplishments:

- Approval of a \$550 million flood control project, the largest capital improvement program in Bexar County history
- Making public safety a priority this year with 40% of general funds allocated for increase in uniformed personnel and pay increases
- Half a million dollars in scholarships for students attending higher education institutions in county (through the San Antonio Education Partnership)
- Held down healthcare costs by establishing a downtown Bexar County Employee Wellness Clinic to include mobile health clinics which began in September 2008
- Approval to establish a 71,000 sq ft CentroMed Health and Wellness Center off Commercial opening in April 2009
- Over \$200,000 allocation for Mission County Park upgrades and ADA accessibility improvements
- \$11.7 million allocation for acceleration of Mission Reach portion of San Antonio River Improvements Project
- Successful negotiations with TXDOT for approval of Pass-Through Financing Agreement to complete and expand State Hwy 211 and Potranco Road to ease traffic congestion
- New Texas A&M University San Antonio campus; to break ground on the Southside in 2010
- \$19.3 million Culebra Road expansion project
- \$900 million in improvements to the University Health System; \$92 million for downtown UHS facility improvements to include expanded pharmacy center, additional parking, and building renovations
- Future Sheriff's training facility to include firing range
- Approval of a homestead tax freeze for senior citizens
- Establishment of new county satellite office to house JP 1 court, Tax office, Constables office, Commissioner Pct 1 office in Moursand/Pleasanton Road area to open in spring 2009
- First year of funding for new Visitor Tax-funded projects, including \$25 million for Amateur Sports facilities, \$5 million for Coliseum grounds, \$28 million for SA River Improvements, and \$15.48 million for Cultural Arts
- Approved an additional \$750,000 for Center for Health Care Services Detoxification and Treatment
- Approved an additional \$3 million for new energy conservation upgrades to County buildings