

## Talking Points

Commissioner Sergio “Chico” Rodriguez

South San Gazebo Ribbon Cutting

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- Good morning and thank you all for joining me in celebrating this special occasion.
- I am extremely proud of the work accomplished through planning, fostering close working relationships, and determination.
- Various members of this community reached out to me to request improvements to the Precinct 1 parks and facilities.
- One of the most common requests my office received was for the development a beautiful new gazebo here at the South San Civic Center.
- Many of you here know about my fondness for quality planning and development- because positive development really does improve quality of life for communities.
- When I approached my fellow Court members about finding the money to fund this addition to the Center, I felt confident they would support me as they have always advocated for improving the neighborhoods and communities.
- During the planning process for this gazebo, our Infrastructure Services Department collaborated with our Community Investment Department in an effort to find all the funds that were necessary to see this concept through to its completion.
- The County contributed \$3,978 for this project, but it simply was not enough.
- Joe Aceves, our Infrastructure Services Executive Director turned to Betty Bueche, the County’s Facilities Division Manager to find the funds for this gazebo.
- In her wisdom, Betty called on our Community Investment Director, Aurora who never takes no for an answer.
- Her hard working and dedicated CDBG manager, Andrew Alva, was able to find the funds through CDBG grants, secured \$15,000 for this project, and managed the oversight for this project.
- The design firm, Park Place Recreation Designs can not be forgotten for their participation and hard work put into this project.
- This project represents one of many improvement initiatives I am currently working on to enhance the beauty of Precinct 1.

- This precinct is the largest and fastest growing precinct in Bexar County.
- I am truly honored to represent such a fine community and my doors are always open to ideas for anyone who has a desire to get involved in their community and work together to make Bexar County and Precinct 1 a county to be admired.
- THANK YOU.