

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 80321 THAT ESTABLISHED THE DIEZ Y SEIS COMMISSION, APPROVING CHANGES TO ITS STRUCTURE AND PROCESS FOR APPOINTING MEMBERS.

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WHEREAS, On June 16, 1994, Council passed Ordinance No. 80321 establishing the Diez y Seis Commission (“Commission”) to celebrate San Antonio’s rich history and longstanding relationship with Mexico and to create a collaborative effort to encourage new activities and the Commission was originally comprised of 30 City Council-appointed members and there has been no further City Council action since that time; and

WHEREAS, the original Council-appointed members began departing the Commission in the late 1990’s and by 2002, no original Commissioners remained and members were replaced by volunteer community representatives and current membership includes Chair Mari Sandoval-Ayala (League of United Latin American Citizens 4947) and 10 additional volunteer community representatives making up the 11 member Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 80321 lists Juan F. Solis, III, former District 5 Councilman, as the Commission’s liaison and lists 30 Commission members by name who no longer serve as Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Ordinance will amend Ordinance No. 80321 by establishing changes to the Commission’s structure, providing for six standing member organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 4947, LULAC 648, Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Mexican Consulate in San Antonio and San Antonio Charro Association, each of which will appoint one representative to serve on the Commission, and providing for the appointment of an additional 11 members whereby, following application through the City’s Boards and Commissions process, the Mayor and each Councilperson will recommend one commissioner to be considered for appointment by the City Council; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Diez y Seis Commission established by Ordinance No. 80321 is amended as provided for in this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. One commissioner representing each of the six standing member organizations will be appointed from each of the following organizations: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 4947, LULAC 648, Avenida Guadalupe Association, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, Mexican Consulate in San Antonio and San Antonio Charro Association. Additionally, following

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application through the City’s Boards and Commissions process, the Mayor and each Councilperson will recommend one commissioner to be considered for appointment by the City Council.

SECTION 3. For all applicable purposes of the Commission, a quorum shall be a simple majority of fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the currently appointed membership.

SECTION 4. The City Councilperson who serves as the Mayor’s Council Liaison to Mexico shall serve as Council Liaison to the Commission and will act as the Honorary Chair of the Commission, speaking at Diez y Seis press conferences and attending Diez y Seis community events. The Chair of the Commission shall be the commissioner recommended for appointment to the Commission by the Council Liaison to the Commission.

SECTION 5. The standing committees established by Ordinance No 80321 are dissolved.

SECTION 6. The City’s Rules for Boards and Commissions, codified in Chapter 2, Article IX of the San Antonio Code of Ordinances shall apply to the Commission to the extent that compliance does not conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this __ day of ____, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney