

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

ORDINANCE

**AUTHORIZING THE SUNSETTING OF THE DIEZ Y SEIS DE
SEPTIEMBRE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE
NO. 80321 AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW DIEZ Y SEIS
COMMISSION.**

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WHEREAS, On June 16, 1994, Council passed Ordinance No. 80321 establishing the San Antonio Diez y Seis de Septiembre 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 Mari Sandoval-Ayala, Chair (LULAC Council 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 establish a new Diez y Seis Commission that will include the District 5 Councilmember as the liaison, without listing a specific person by name, and reduce the number of Commissioners from 30 to 11 to reflect how the Commission has been operating for several years; and

WHEREAS, following application through the City’s Boards and Commissions process, the District 5 Councilperson will recommend 11 Commissioners 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 San Antonio Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission established by Ordinance No. 80321 is dissolved.

SECTION 2. The Diez y Seis Commission is created and established.

SECTION 3. The Diez y Seis Commissioners shall be recommended for appointment by the District 5 City Councilperson and appointed by the City Council.

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SECTION 4. 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 Diez y Seis Commission to the extent that compliance does not conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney