



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS

CREATOR:

City of San Antonio, Office of the Mayor

TITLE:

Mayor Howard Peak Records

DATES:

1984-2001 (bulk 1998-2000)

QUANTITY:

32.5 cu. ft.

LANGUAGES:

English; Spanish

IDENTIFICATION:

MYR-009

REPOSITORY:

[City of San Antonio, Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Archives & Records](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Howard Peak (b. 1948) graduated from Alamo Heights High School in 1967 and earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from The University of Texas at Austin in 1974. In 1975 he earned his Master of Arts in Urban Studies/Environmental Management from The University of Texas at San Antonio. He is married to Marjorie Bratten Peak. Before entering politics, Howard Peak began his career as an urban planner. He served as a City Planner for the City of San Antonio from 1975-1984, was owner of a land development service company from 1991-1994, and was a professor of Urban Administration at Trinity University from 1991-2001. Peak was elected to the San Antonio City Council in 1993 as a representative of District 9, eventually winning two consecutive terms as a City

Councilman (1993-1997). In 1997, he challenged incumbent Mayor William Thornton, unseating Mayor Thornton and rival Kay Turner in a closely fought election. He served two terms as Mayor between 1997 and 2001, vowing to help solve San Antonio's water, education, employment, and poverty issues. During his time in office, Peak spearheaded the Better Jobs Task Force, a project to attract higher wage economic development to the city and to provide better education and training for San Antonians. But, the proposed sales tax increase on which the Better Jobs Task Force was to be funded was not approved and could therefore not be placed on the ballot. Peak also helped to create San Antonio's first comprehensive water plan, helped to pass Proposition 3 to buy lands to protect the Edwards Aquifer, revised the City's Uniform Development Code (UDC), and instituted independent performance reviews for City departments. After leaving office in 2001, Peak joined the telecommunications company SBC as Executive Director of Municipal Affairs (AT&T, Executive Director of Corporate External Affairs as of 2015), served as the Chairman of the Board for the Brooks Development Authority (2001-2006) and Chairman of the San Antonio Water Authority's Citizen Advisory Panel (2006-2008). In 2013, the San Antonio Greenway Trails System was officially named the Howard W. Peak Greenway Trails System to honor his work which supported the development of hike and bike trails in San Antonio.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

Records document the administration of Howard Peak during his term as Mayor of the City of San Antonio from 1997 to 2001. The records are organized into five series: administrative files (3 ft.), correspondence (2 ft.), City department files (20 ft.), subject files (7.25 ft.), and printed materials (.25 ft.). A majority of the records are department files, documenting Peak's second term in office from 1999 through May, 2001. Notable subjects in the collection include Peak's Better Jobs Initiative, records documenting City planning and economic development, and negotiations and planning documents pertaining to San Antonio's water supply.

ARRANGEMENT:

- I. Correspondence
- II. Department files [A-P]
- III. Subject files [A-W]
- IV. Administrative files
 - A. Memoranda
 - B. Agendas
 - C. Financial records

- D. Administrative assistants to the Mayor
- E. Intern
- F. Phone logs
- V. Printed materials

RELATED MATERIAL:

[Records pertaining to other Mayors of the City of San Antonio](#)

RESTRICTIONS:

Unrestricted access, with the exception of a small number of items in the Department Files for City Attorney (attorney-client privilege).

PREFERRED CITATION:

[Box #, Folder title]. Mayor Howard Peak Records, 1984-2001. City of San Antonio, Office of the City Clerk, Municipal Archives & Records.

PROCESSING INFORMATION:

This collection was processed with financial assistance from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) in 2009. The finding aid was reviewed and revised for accuracy in 2015. Additionally, the following subseries were processed in finer detail: Department files of the Offices of the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney.

INDEX TERMS:

Persons:

Peak, Howard, 1948-

Organizations:

City Public Service (San Antonio, Tex.)

San Antonio Water System (Tex.)

VIA Metropolitan Transit

Subjects:

Airport noise—Texas—San Antonio.

Better Jobs Task Force —Correspondence

Economic development—Texas—San Antonio.

Hazardous substances—Transportation—Texas—San Antonio.

San Antonio (Tex.) Department of Parks & Recreation

San Antonio (Tex.) Department of Public Works

San Antonio (Tex.) Office of the Mayor

San Antonio (Tex.)—Politics and government—20th century.

INVENTORY:

Location	Contents
BOX 1	Correspondence January, 1999 February, 1999 March, 1999 April, 1999 May, 1999 June, 1999 July, 1999 August, 1999 September, 1999 October, 1999 November, 1999 December, 1999
BOX 2	January, 2000 February, 2000 March, 2000 April, 2000 May, 2000 June, 2000 July, 2000 August, 2000 September, 2000 October, 2000 November, 2000 December, 2000 Greeting Letters January-July, 1999 August-December, 1999 January-July, 2000 August-December, 2000

BOX 3 Department files
Alamodome
1999-2000
2000
Asset Management, 1999-2000
Aviation
Correspondence
1998-1999
1999
2000
Airport noise
1998
1998-1999
1999
2000
Budget and employment services
1998-1999

BOX 4 1999
2000
Building inspections
1998-1999
1999
2000
City attorney
Correspondence
1999
2000
Alamodome Area Environmental Project Fund payment, April
1999
Arden Encino Partners Ltd. Vs. City of San Antonio, 2000
BFI Tessman landfill, 1999-2000
Billiard parlors ordinance, 1998-1999

BOX 5 *City of Boerne Vs. City of San Antonio*, 2000
City of San Antonio v. Nephtali de Leon, 2000
Claims, 1998-2000
Contract and bond management, 1998-2000
Complaints against police officers, 1999-2000

Davis Industries bankruptcy
1999
2000
Drakulich et. al. v. City of San Antonio, 1999
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 1999-2000
Espronceda et. al. v. Krier et. al., 2000
Employee concerns, 1997-2000
Ethics, 1999-2000
 “Ethics Code of the City of San Antonio,” 2000
 Lobbying, 1998-2000
Greater Kelly Development Authority, 2000
Houston Street linkage project, 2000
Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women, 1999-2000
O’Dell, Daniel, lawsuits, 1999-2000
Records requests, 1998-2000
“San Antonio Housing Authority ethics investigation of
 Commissioner Robert L. Beltran,” 2000
TNRCC Proposed rules to adopt California low emissions
 vehicles program, 2000
Traffic control in Hill Country Village and Hollywood Park,
 1998-2000
Safety Kleen bankruptcy, 2000
Yanaguana Cruises, Inc. v. City of San Antonio, 2000

BOX 6

City Clerk

Correspondence, 1999-2000
Appeals, 1999-2000
Archives, 1999-2000
Assistant City Clerk appointment, October 2000
Boards and commissions
 Correspondence, 2000
 Applications, nominations, and appointments, 2000
 Ethics charges by San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA),
 2000
 Financial disclosure notices, 1999-2000
 Recommendation letters, 1999-2000
 Resignations and withdrawals, 2000
 Thank you letters, 1999-2000
Ceremonials and recognition requests

- 1999
- 2000
- City Council vacancy, district 5, March 2000
- Elections
 - 1990 Redistricting process, 2000
 - Better Jobs initiative 1/8 cent sales tax increase, 2000
 - Polling locations, November 2000
 - Results and ballot, May 2000
- Ethics, 1999-2000
- Notices of leave, 1999-2000
- Petitions and citizen concerns, 1999-2000
 - Annexation of Foster Meadows, October 2000
 - Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ), 2000
 - Giraud, Francis P., facility naming, June 2000
 - Habitat for Humanity homes in Valley Forest neighborhood, August 2000
 - Home construction quality, Northampton neighborhood, 2000
 - Spruce power plant garbage donation, July 2000
 - Tax reinvestment zones (TRZ), 2000
- Records requests, 1999-2000
- City Manager
 - Correspondence
 - 1997-1999
 - 2000
 - "A decade of City accomplishments," April 2000
 - Executive appointments, 2000
 - City of San Antonio organizational chart, October 2000
 - "Fiscal impact of new residential subdivisions on the City of San Antonio, Texas," December 1997
 - Notices of leave, 2000
 - Policy and planning committee meeting agenda, December 2000
 - Retirement of Alexander Briseño, 2000
 - San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) RFP, February 1998
- Code compliance
 - 1997-1998
 - 1999

- BOX 7** 1999
 2000
 Community initiatives
 1998-1999
 1999
- BOX 8** 1999
 2000
 “Alamo workforce development board’s integrated strategic
 and operational plan,” 2000
- BOX 9** Convention and visitors bureau
 1999
 2000
 Convention center expansion office, 1999-2000
 Convention facilities
 1999
 1999-2000
 Economic development
 1997-1998
 1999
 2000
- BOX 10** 2000
 BABN Technologies Corporation, 1999
 San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative (SATAI), 2000
 Greater Kelly Development Corporation
 1999
 2000
 Finance Department
 1997-1999
 1999
 2000
 Fire department
 1999
 2000
- BOX 11** 2000
 Hazardous materials

1999

2000

Health department

1999

2000

Housing and community development

1999

2000

BOX 12

2000

Human resources, 2000

Information services

1999

2000

Intergovernmental relations

1998-1999

1999

BOX 13

1999

2000

Internal review, 2000

International affairs

1998

1999

OS BOX 3.7

Welcome letter and brochure, Rengo, Chile, 1999

BOX 14

2000

Library

1999

2000

Municipal courts

1997-1999

2000

Neighborhood action department, 1999-2000

Office of cultural affairs

1998-1999

2000

Office of community relations, 1998-2000

Parks and recreation
1999

BOX 15 1999
2000
Petition, Parents of baseball SA players, 2000
Proposition 3: Parks development and expansion, 2000
Creek development projects, 1999

BOX 16 Barge contracts and comments [Yanaguana Cruises, Inc.], 2000
Planning department
1997-1998
1999
2000
Annexation, 1999-2000
Zoning
1999-2000

BOX 17 2000
"South central San Antonio community plan," 1999
"Powder Hill' Memorial Gardens concept: An east San
Antonio and New Braunfels corridor missing linkage,"
1984
Police department
Correspondence
1998-1999
1999
2000

BOX 18 2000
"San Antonio police department: Professional standards
manual of formal and line complaints," 2000
Public works
Correspondence
1998-1999
January-June, 1999

OS BOX 3.7 Shavano Park flood insurance map and profile, 1999

“Employees-restructuring video” [VHS], ca. 2000
City Year, 2000
Community Revitalization Action Group (CRAG), 1999
Countywide citizens’ watershed master plan committee, 2000
Edwards Aquifer authority, 2000
Fire and police pension fund
 Correspondence, 1999-2000
 Annual report: fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, 1999
Ft. Sam Houston, 1999-2000
Free Trade Alliance, 1999
Golf [municipal facilities]
 “Parks and recreation department golf operations division:
 comprehensive performance review,” 1999
Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, 2000
Habitat for Humanity, 1999
Keep San Antonio Beautiful, 1999
Kelly Air Force Base
 Correspondence, 1999-2000
 “Joint use supplemental environmental impact statement,”
 1999
Kindergarten readiness guidelines, 2000
Kronkosky Charitable Foundation, 2000
Mayor’s Institute on City Design, 1999
Mayor’s legislative breakfast group, 2000
Mayor’s luncheon
 January, 1999
 February, 1999
 March, 1999

BOX 26
 April, 1999
 June, 1999
 July, 1999
 August, 1999
 September, 1999
 October, 1999
 November, 1999
 December, 1999
 January-April, 2000
 May-September, 2000

October-November, 2000
Mayor's neighborhood meetings
District 1, 1999-2000
District 2, 1999-2000
District 3, 1999
District 4, 1999-2000
District 5, 1999-2000
District 6, 1999-2000
District 7, 1999-2000
District 8, 1999-2000
District 9, 1999-2000
District 10, 1999-2000
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), 1999-2000
Paragon Cable, 1999-2000
Policy and planning committee, 1999
Right-of-way management ordinance, 2000
San Antonio Area Tourism Council, 2000

BOX 27

San Antonio Conservation Society, 2000
San Antonio Development Agency (SADA), 2000
Unlabeled SADA Video [VHS], 2000
San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA), 1999-2000
San Antonio Housing Trust Foundation, 2000
San Antonio/Laredo corridor council, 2000
San Antonio River oversight committee, 1999-2000
San Antonio River improvements, 1999-2000
San Antonio Sports Foundation, 1999-2000
San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame ballot, 2000
San Antonio Symphony, 1999-2000
San Antonio Urban Systemic Initiative, 2000
San Antonio Water System (SAWS)
Correspondence
October 1998-January, 1999
January-February, 1999
March, 1999
April, 1999
May, 1999
June, 1999
July, 1999

August, 1999

BOX 28

September, 1999

October, 1999

November-December, 1999

January, 2000

February, 2000

March, 2000

April, 2000

May, 2000

June, 2000

July, 2000

August, 2000

September, 2000

October, 2000

November, 2000

December, 2000

Alcoa, 2000

Fluoride

1999-2000

BOX 29

2000

"Five year outlook," 1999

Stinson airport, 2000

Symposium series: "Building a city that works," 1999

Texas Department of Transportation, 1998-2000

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Center (TNRCC)

1999

2000

U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1999-2000

University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), 2000

VIA Metropolitan Transit

1998-1999

2000

Working together: building foundations for the future project, 1999

Administrative files

Memoranda, 1999-2000

Agendas

Mayor's agenda for children, 1999

BOX 30

State of the City address, 2000
Mayor's agenda for 2000, 2000
Financial records
Contingency funds, 1999
Accounts payable, 1999
Administrative assistants to the Mayor, 1999
Intern, 1998-1999
Phone logs
January 4-8, 1999
January 8-21, 1999
January 4—May 21, 1999
January 21—February 3, 1999
February 4-18, 1999
February 18—March 3, 1999
March 4-16, 1999
March 17-31, 1999
March 31-April 21, 1999
April 21—May 10, 1999
May 10-24, 1999
May 24—June 5, 1999

BOX 31

May 24—October 19, 1999
June 7-21, 1999
June 21—July 8, 1999
July 9-26, 1999
July 27—August 9, 1999
August 10-24, 1999
August 25—September, 1999
September 9-24, 1999
September 24—October 13, 1999
October 14—November 1, 1999
October 20, 1999—July 6, 2000
November 1-11, 1999
November 24—December 23, 1999
December 29, 1999—February 1, 2000
February 1-23, 2000
February 23—March 10, 2000
March 10-29, 2000

BOX 32

March 29—April 18, 2000

April 19—May 10, 2000

May 11—June 6, 2000

June 6-26, 2000

June 16—July 18, 2000

July 19—August 4, 2000

August 29—September 13, 2000

September 12—October 4, 2000

October 5-24, 2000

October 25—November 14, 2000

November 15—December 14, 2000

December 15-29, 2000

Printed materials

Black business directory of San Antonio, 1998

City of San Antonio, Texas, Comprehensive Annual Financial
Report, Fiscal Year ended September 30, 1998, 1999

Chilled water facility #2 construction update newsletters, 2000

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI) Gulf Coast
Chapter convention booklet, 2000

Key: San Antonio's Official City Guide booklets, 1999-2000

National Association of Recording Merchandisers (NARM)
convention and trade show booklet, 2000