



Arts & Culture Director

Debbie Racca-Sittre

Debbie Racca-Sittre was appointed Director of the Department of Arts & Culture in January 2017. She previously served as Interim Director of the department since April 2016.

As interim director, she oversaw the department's day-to-day operations, as well as the planning and execution of strategic initiatives related to arts and culture in San Antonio through the department's main divisions –San Antonio Film Commission, Arts Funding Leadership, Cultural Events and Exhibitions, and Public Art San Antonio. In this role, Ms. Racca-Sittre led the \$6 million City of San Antonio Art Funding Process in 2016, developed a strategic plan for the San Antonio Film Commission, and is currently leading a planning effort for the future of Centro de Artes and exploring the establishment of a music commission.

Ms. Racca-Sittre has 16 years of experience with the City of San Antonio. Prior to joining the Department of Arts & Culture, she served as assistant director for the City's Transportation & Capital Improvements Department (TCI). During her time at the City, she has managed more than 800 contracts and a \$1.7 billion capital budget. Ms. Racca-Sittre negotiated numerous high profile contracts including a design-build construction contract for the expansion of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center valued at \$325 million. She also negotiated and managed contracts for the capital expansion of the Witte Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art and The DoSeum; the renovation of the Guadalupe Theater/Progreso building and Lerma's building.

She also led the City of San Antonio United Way Charitable Campaign for two consecutive years, raising more than \$1 million each year.

Education

- Master of Public Administration, Angelo State University
- Master of Science, Angelo State University
- Bachelor of Arts, Angelo State University

Personal

Ms. Racca-Sittre, a native of the San Antonio area, is married and has three children.