



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,
MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

TITLE:

City Manager's Office, Thomas Huebner Records, 1975-1986 (b. 1978-1981)

DATES:

1975-1986

QUANTITY:

33 ft. 5 in.

LANGUAGES:

English

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY:

Thomas Huebner served five years as the City of San Antonio's City Manager from 1977-1982. After earning degrees in Public Administration from San Jose State University (B.A., 1961) and the University of Pittsburgh (M.P.A., 1962), Huebner worked as an administrative analyst for the City of San Diego (1962-1963), administrative assistant for the City of Garden Grove, California (1963-1967), a budget and research officer for the City of Oakland (1967-1969), and as assistant city manager for the City of Sacramento (1969-1977). As the City of San Antonio's City Manager, Huebner implemented a reorganization of the city's administration, creating the Budget and Research Department, combining the Planning and Zoning departments, consolidating the Traffic Engineering Department within the Public Works Department, and creating a new Citizen Action Center within the Public Information Office. During his tenure as City Manager, Huebner participated in a number of federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG), which provided public and private funding for an extension of the Paseo del Rio to Alamo Plaza, construction of the Vista Verde industrial complex, and the creation of the Rivercenter Mall (Tiendas del Rio). A number of Huebner's decisions and actions were viewed by some on the city council as controversial, such as the hiring of Jane Macon as the city's city attorney, firing 48 city garbage collectors and animal control workers after they went on strike in May of 1977, firing the directors of the Public Works and Public Information departments—Sam Granata and E.J. Slayman, his lack of public support for the Vista Verde development project, and his multiple car accidents involving city vehicles.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

Records document the tenure of Thomas Huebner (1977-1982) as the City Manager of the City of San Antonio. The collection includes correspondence (2 ft.), city department files (17 ft.), subject files (7 ½ ft.), and project files relating to the extension of the Paseo del Rio (Riverwalk) to Alamo Plaza and the San Antonio Convention Center (3 ½ ft.). The records chronicle a number of significant projects, including the extension of San Antonio's Riverwalk to Alamo Plaza, construction of the Rivercenter Mall (Tiendas del Rio) and the Vista Verde community development project, restoration of Municipal Auditorium following a fire in 1979, and implementation of a city-wide affirmative action program.

ARRANGEMENT:

- I. Administrative files (3 ft.)
 - II. Department files (A-T) (17 ft.)
 - III. Subject files (A-V) (7.5 ft.)
 - IV. Alamo Plaza/Paseo del Rio extension project files (3.5 ft.)
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RESTRICTIONS:

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INDEX TERMS**Persons:**

Huebner, Thomas
Fox, Louis
Cockrell, Lila.
Cisneros, Henry.

Organizations:

Alamo Area Council of Governments
City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Texas
San Antonio Water System (Tex.)
Mexican American Unity Council (San Antonio, Tex.)
VIA Metropolitan Transit

Subjects:

Paseo del Rio (San Antonio, Tex.)—History.
Tiendas del Rio—History.
Rivercenter Mall—History.
Vista Verde—History.
San Antonio (Tex.)—Economic development.
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