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J. Barry Archer, Assistant Director for the City of San Antonio's Planning and Development Services Department (PDSB) since July 2005, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the Virginia Military Institute in 1968 and a Master of Engineering Administration from George Washington University in 1979. He is a registered Professional Engineer (PE) (Texas, Virginia, and North Carolina), is a Certified Building Official (CBO) by the Council of American Building Officials (CABO) and is a Certified Professional Codes Administrator (CPCA) by the National Academy of Code Administration.

**CURRENT POSITION:** As the Assistant Planning and Development Services Director and member of the City's Executive Team, Mr. Archer manages the Building Development Division of PDSB for the City of San Antonio (population: 1.3 million and area: 522 square miles) where he oversees the Plans and Permits Section, Inspections Section and Business Assistance Center of the division that is comprised of 162 associates. The Building Development Division performs technical reviews on 25,000 building plans, issues 110,000 construction permits and conducts 263,000 field inspections annually for both residential and non-residential buildings and structures that have a construction value of \$2.59B; issues 3,650 contractor licenses annually; and administers the Signs and Billboards Code, Building Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code, Fire Code and Unified Development Code ordinances. The Building Development Division provides direct administrative and technical support to the Electrical Board, the Mechanical Appeals and Advisory Board, the Plumbing and Gas Appeals and Advisory Board and the Fire and Building Codes Board of Appeals and helps coordinate training activities of the San Antonio Building Codes Academy – a regional training initiative on building-related codes.

**PREVIOUS WORK HISTORY:** Prior to his appointment to San Antonio, Mr. Archer worked for Kansas City, MO for 10 ½ years as the Director of the Codes Administration Department and City Building Official; worked for Prince William County, VA for 16 years as the Deputy Director of the Public Works Department, Deputy Director of the Development Administration Department and County Building Official; worked for Fairfax County, VA for 4 years as a Structural Engineer; worked for Fairfax City, VA as the Assistant City Engineer; worked for George Hyman Construction Company as a Project Manager; worked for the VA Department of Transportation as a Highway Engineer Trainee and was a licensed Virginia Contractor.

**MILITARY SERVICE:** While serving in the U. S. Army he received training at the Infantry Officers Basic Course, Basic Airborne Course, Special Forces Officer Course at the John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare, Jumpmaster School, Ski and Cold Weather School and the Engineer Officers Advanced Course. In 1969/1970 he served for more than 13 months in the mountains of northern I Corps Tactical War Zone in the Republic of Vietnam as a Special Forces Infantry Officer on an A Team and then as Senior Military Advisor to the 1<sup>st</sup> Mobile Strike Force (Mike Force), 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne), conducting covert, military operations with Montagnard tribesmen mercenaries deep within enemy held territory. He also served in the United States with the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Groups (Airborne) before being honorably discharged.

**LEADERSHIP:** Mr. Archer has served as president of the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, as chairman of CABO's Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Code Change Committee and as a member of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Manufactured Home Advisory Committee following his appointment by the Secretary of HUD. He has served as vice president of the Association of Major City Building Officials (AMCBO), as a member of Building Officials and Code Administrators, International's (BOCA) Code Interpretations Committee, as a member and chairman of the International Conference of Building Official's (ICBO) Education Committee and as a member of ICBO's Major Jurisdiction Advisory Committee. Lastly, he was appointed by the Missouri governor to serve on the Governor's Commission for the Review and Formulation of Building Code Implementation and by the Virginia governor to serve on Virginia's State Technical Review Board. He is a Class A voting member of the International Code Council (ICC).

**RECOGNITION:** In 1990 he was one of 4 individuals inducted into the Virginia Rehabilitation Association's Honor Roll of Barrier Free Achievers; in 1992 he was recognized by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) as the top Local Official of the Year for the entire Northeastern Region of the United States; in 1992 he was the recipient of the highest Innovation Award given by Prince William County, VA; in 1994 he received the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association's Meritorious Service Award and in 1997 he was recognized by the Greater Kansas City Automatic Sprinkler Contractors Association as the Codes Administrator of the Year for the greater Kansas City metropolitan area.

**MILITARY RECOGNITION:** While serving in the U. S. Army, Mr. Archer received the following military awards and decorations: Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, Vietnam Service Medal (with 3 bronze stars), Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Wings, Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with bronze hourglass), Vietnamese Special Forces Parachutist Wings, Special Forces Tab and Letter of Commendation. He achieved the rank of Major.

**PERSONAL:** Mr. Archer is married and has three children, two stepchildren and four grandchildren. He enjoys reading, home construction projects, gardening, fresh and salt-water fishing, hiking and camping.