



## Center City Development Office Director **Lori Houston**

**L**ori Houston became the City's Director of the Center City Development Office (CCDO) in October 2012. With Lori's leadership, CCDO promotes and initiates compatible development within the downtown area through the facilitation of the development process and the administration of various incentive programs such as the Center City Housing Incentive Policy (CCHIP) and the Inner City Reinvestment Infill Policy (ICRIP). Lori Houston has been with the Center City Development Office since its creation in 2008. Her efforts have resulted in over \$450 million in investment in the downtown area, which will ultimately yield over 2,200 housing units and 1,500 jobs. She was also instrumental in the creation of the HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation (HPARC) and its operations. HPARC is charged with the redevelopment of HemisFair Park which was the location of the 1968 World's Fair. Today Ms. Houston serves as the City Liaison to HPARC in its effort to redevelop the 78 acre site into a world class destination.

Prior to working in the Center City Development Office, Lori worked in the City Manager's Office where she managed several high profile initiatives to include serving as the Project Manager for the \$72 million Museum Reach Urban Segment of the San Antonio River Improvements Project which extended the San Antonio River 1.3 miles north. Ms. Houston continues to serve as the City's staff lead for the \$358 million San Antonio River Improvements Project, which is a public partnership among the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, San Antonio River Authority, and the United States Army Corp of Engineers. The project, when completed, will extend the San Antonio River 13 miles.

Ms. Houston started with the City in 2002 as an intern and then promoted to the Public Works Department. While in Public Works she staffed the Joint City County Citizens Bond Oversight Committee, a 20 member Board that advises the City and County on the bond projects and programs to ensure projects are on time, within scope, and within budget.

Lori is passionate about inner city development and recognizes the importance of retaining and recruiting young professionals to the community. In January 2012, Lori initiated, and later incorporated, the development of Leadership Organization of Professionals (LOOP). The 11 member board is committed to making San Antonio the premier location for young professionals to live, work, and play. LOOP is in its second year and has over 70 members who share the same commitment and passion for San Antonio.

### Education

- Master of Public Administration, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Bachelor of Business: Marketing, New Mexico State University

### Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

- San Antonio Area Foundation Women and Girls Fund: Board Member
- Urban Land Institute: Member
- International Downtown Association: Member
- LOOP Chair, Leadership San Antonio Class #34
- University of Texas at San Antonio Public Policy Advisory Board

### Personal

Lori is happily married to Sam Houston and is thankful to have a job that allows her to improve and enhance San Antonio on a daily basis; she truly believes that great cities have great downtowns. She also enjoys running, traveling, and tennis.