



## Tricentennial Chief Executive Officer Edward Benavides

**E**dward Benavides was appointed CEO of the Tricentennial Commission in November 2015. In this position, he serves as the primary lead to direct and manage the overall activities necessary for the year-long celebration in 2018. A public, nonprofit local government corporation was established for the Tricentennial. The Commission consists of 19 individuals appointed by the Mayor, City Council and Bexar County and is supported by the Tricentennial Organizing Committee, composed of individuals from the public sector, private, nonprofit and philanthropic communities. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Benavides served as Chief of Staff to City Manager Sheryl Sculley for five years and previously worked in the Parks and Recreation Department as Assistant Director. In his capacity, he had oversight of maintenance and operations, park projects and planning, tree mitigation, volunteer services and City cemeteries within the Parks department. Before his appointment as Assistant Director, Mr. Benavides served as Executive Assistant to the City Manager, where he provided professional support to the City Manager for four years. He also supervised the Council Action Team, the City Council Agenda process and the administrative activities of the Office of City Council. In 2004, Mr. Benavides was a participant in the Management Assistant program within the City Manager's Office. As Management Assistant, he was responsible for monitoring budgets, performance measurements, City Council and citizen inquiries. Prior to coming to the City Manager's Office, Mr. Benavides worked in the Department of Community Initiatives as a Management Analyst. Mr. Benavides has been employed with the City of San Antonio since 2002.

### Education

- Master of Arts - Our Lady of the Lake University
- Bachelor of Arts - University of the Incarnate Word

### Professional Memberships and Community Involvement

- International Festivals & Events Association
- International City/County Management Association, Strategic Planning Task Force
- International City/County Management Association, 2017 Host Committee Co-Chair
- Leadership San Antonio (LSA) Class 40
- United Way Emerging Leaders Council
- United Way Volunteer Advisory Council
- International Hispanic Network 2012 Conference Chair
- San Antonio Business Journal "40 under 40" 2011
- International Hispanic Network Board Member 2007–2010; Member
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA); Member
- International City/County Management Association 2008 Conference Planning Committee
- 2008 Subcommittee on Next Generation Activities –
- 2006 ICMA San Antonio Host Committee
- Texas City Management Association Board of Directors 2005
- Texas City Management Association, Member
- Urban Management Assistants of South Texas – President 2006, Vice-President 2005, Member

### Personal

Mr. Benavides is a native of San Antonio, Texas and is married to Jacob Valenzuela, a local, small business owner.