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Henry B. Gonzales Mural Unveiling

A re-creation of original artwork by Artist Ronald Rocha

SAN ANTONIO – Artist Analy Diego with the support of Westside Development Corporation (WDC) and other sponsors will unveil a mural of Henry B. Gonzalez (HBG) in celebration of his 102nd Birthday Wednesday, May 15th, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

"As most of us know, San Antonio was recently named the fastest growing city in the nation. Just as our city grows and evolves, so do its inhabitants. It is important to keep in mind that as we grow and continue shaping our beloved city, its true value will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we decide to keep. The re-creation of the beautiful mural of a man who helped shape our city, originally created by artist Ronald Rocha is one of the most meaningful projects I've worked on, and I'm forever grateful for the opportunity," said Artist Analy Diego.

The mural is a re-creation of the original artwork by Artist Ronald Rocha, formerly hung at Estela's Mexican Restaurant in the Westside of San Antonio for many years. The original artwork was destroyed along with 2 other murals by the new owner in December 2017.

"It is important to preserve the impactful and legacy works created by our talented San Antonians. In memory of Henry B. Gonzalez, we are honored to support Analy Diego in the re-creating of this historic mural and hope the community will join us in recognizing the great impact Henry B. Gonzalez had in our city, " said Leonard Rodriguez, President/CEO of the WDC.

The unveiling of the new mural will feature keynote remarks by Mayor Ron Nirenberg, City Councilman Robert C Treviño, State Representative Diego Bernal and State Senator Jose Menendez and Former Congressman Charles Gonzalez. Dr. Ricardo Romo and Board Member of La Prensa Texas, will then lead a panel discussion on The Life and Contributions of Henry B Gonzalez along with Dr. Maggie Rivas, Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Dr. William Elizondo and former Congressman Charlie Gonzalez.

Sponsorship is available at the underwriting sponsor (\$5,000), gold (\$2,500), silver (\$1,000) or Bronze (\$500) level. For more information on sponsorship visit <u>www.lapresatexas.com</u>.

About the Westside Development Corporation

The Westside Development Corporation is a City of San Antonio delegate agency, nonprofit organization and Local Government Corporation responsible for attracting new business and assisting existing business in the Westside of San Antonio. The organization has been responsible for fostering economic development, promoting the development and redevelopment of real estate, creating viable urban communities, and preserving the character, culture and history of San Antonio's Westside. For more information, about the WDC please visit WestsideDevCorp.com. For more information about San Antonio's Westside, "Like" us on <u>Facebook</u> or follow us on <u>Twitter</u>.

About Artist Analy Diego

A Texas native, Analy Diego was introduced into the art world at a young age by her grandfather, a skilled caricaturist. She started painting with watercolor and oils at the age of six and continues doing so until this day. Analy received a B.S. in Interior Design, graduating with Magna cum laude honors, as well as a Masters in Architecture from The University of Texas at San Antonio. While in school, she developed an acute attention to form and space associated with architecture. This refined her visual and analytical skills, thus strengthening her focus on the ties between art and design. As an Architecture and Design instructor, Analy continues to expand her artistic knowledge through her eaching methods. She draws inspiration from different color theorists and architects, such as Josef Albers, Charles and Ray Eames and Frank Lloyd Wright. However, references to contemporary subjects and current social issues frequently appear in her work. Her art has grown to include a wide variety of styles and mediums, ranging from ink drawings to graphic illustrations.