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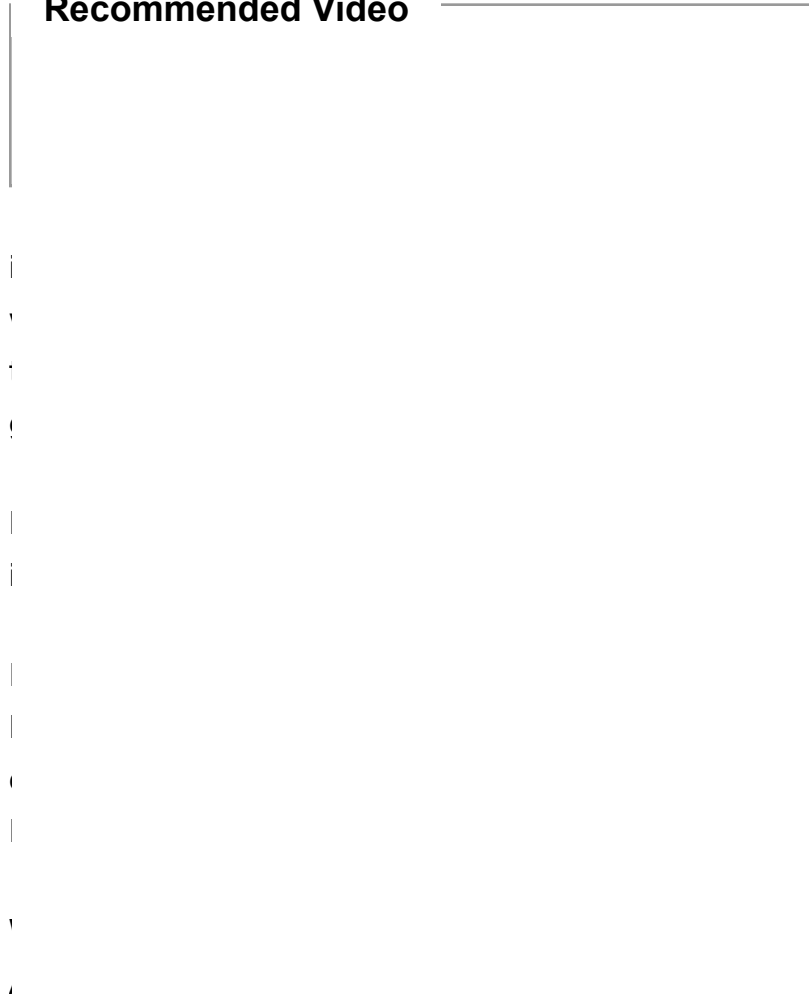
Is Sculley committed to our future?

Fernando Centeno, For the Express-News **Published 12:00 am CDT, Sunday, April 5, 2015**

Re: "To stay big league, keep Sculley on mound," Josh Brodesky, Other Views, March 28:

I appreciate this take on City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** from the perspective of baseball.

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From the perspective of a taxpaying citizen, what would Sculley's performance contract call for? We, the public, have never seen it. If fore, and former city managers general fund dollars — two- vere police and fire employees **eros?**

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We are the poorest urban city in the state. We have a low upward mobility rating. The chance of rising from the bottom fifth in economic terms to the top fifth is 6.5 percent. We are among the most economically segregated metros in the United States. Structural poverty hovers at 20.1 percent, generation after generation.

Yet our “watchdog” press reports that we continue to have a healthy economy. Chamber chairman Henry Cisneros recently bragged (“Program adds jobs, internships,” business, March 24) that “we are doing great in economic development” (using heavily subsidized tax dollars), but where are the corresponding benefits?

The SA2020 plan touted by former Mayor **Julián Castro** is basically a regional corporate investment destination project, with no reference to our structural “two San Antonios” reality. On top of that, we have another regional plan adopted by the U.S. **Department of Commerce**, with no interface between regional plans. As a metro center, our demographic profile stretches 100 miles out, involving eight surrounding counties, but we receive very little socioeconomic information about San Antonio proper.

Having played ball many years, I would classify Sculley’s role as a contract player, with no real commitment to the game itself (the city) nor its future. I happen to believe that a big league player would seek to make a real difference in the lives of the entire city, not just to the corporate strata of society.

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