



### **Phil Hardberger**

Former San Antonio mayor (2005-2009), Phil Hardberger was a renowned attorney who was named a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and served as a captain in the United States Air Force, piloting a B-47 bomber. He was also the executive secretary of the Peace Corps during the administration of US President John Kennedy and, later, served as special assistant to the director of the US Office of Economic Opportunity under President Lyndon B. Johnson.

During Hardberger's impactful tenure as San Antonio Mayor, he carried an approval rating of 86 percent and captured 77 percent of the vote during his re-election. He succeeded in extending mayoral term limits, worked diligently to continue the San Antonio River expansion, transformed thousands of lives with Haven for Hope, celebrated the opening of Toyota's assembly plant in San Antonio, and was one of the first mayors to provide assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. In recognition of his leadership and foresight in championing quality of life projects, the city of San Antonio named a new major park after him.