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## **Ownership Changes at Martin & Salinas**

Local public affairs strategist Trey Salinas has taken sole ownership of Martin & Salinas Public Affairs Inc. and plans to change the name of the firm in coming months.

Salinas bought former partner Don Martin's interest in the firm. Martin founded Don Martin Public Affairs in 1989, which became Martin & Salinas in 2001. Martin says he is now developing a new firm under the original name, Don Martin Public Affairs.

"Trey is interested in growing Martin & Salinas," says Martin. "My interest is to focus on individual clients at a senior level. I also have a few non-public affairs projects I want to pursue." Martin's firm will offer the same services it originally did in a one-on-one atmosphere. He will also continue to serve as senior counsel to Martin & Salinas, and likewise Salinas will offer similar services to Don Martin Public Affairs.

Martin has been in the public affairs business for more than 19 years, in addition to occasional work in commercial real estate, and several political and referendum campaigns. His offices will continue to be co-located with Martin & Salinas.

Salinas says he will keep the Martin & Salinas name for a few months before renaming the firm. The firm's team, including Jed Buie and Kalinda Howe, will remain with Salinas. Salinas has worked in the public affairs arena since 1997 when he departed Austin City Hall as chief of staff to former Mayor Bruce Todd.

"We complement each other quite well," Salinas says of his relationship with Martin, "and we look forward to continuing our work together."