DATE: December 14, 2007

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Steve Ortega

ADDRESS Two Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901 TELEPHONE 541-4124

Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT X REGULAR ____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of January 2, 2008

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Michael Pleters to the Civil Service Commission by Representative Steve Ortega, District 7.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mr. Pleters will be serving an unexpired term to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Carlos E. Flores.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Civil Service Commission

NOMINATED BY: Representative Steve Ortega DISTRICT: 7

NAME OF APPOINTEE Michael Pleters
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: ____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: ____ PHONE: 915-225-1803

HOME ADDRESS: ____

CITY: ____ ST: ____ ZIP: ____ PHONE: ____

WHO WAS THE LAST PERSON TO HAVE HELD THIS POSITION BEFORE IT BECAME VACANT?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Carlos E. Flores

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 04/30/2008

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: ____
RESIGNED X
REMOVED ____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 01/02/2008

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 04/30/2008

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: ____

2nd TERM: ____

UNEXPIRED TERM: X

MICHAEL PLETERS

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Counsel, El Paso, Texas
Assistant Chief Counsel: August 1999 to present
Represent Department in removal hearings in immigration court--have litigated hundreds of removal hearings on the merits; have served as a member of the Office's national security team; conduct extensive appellate work before the Board of Immigration Appeals; assist in federal habeas corpus litigation.

Office of the District Attorney, 34th Judicial District, El Paso, Texas
Assistant District Attorney: August 1994 to August 1999
As felony trial team chief, supervised felony prosecutors in two district courts while trying major felonies. As first-chair felony trial attorney, tried over 30 felony jury trials in areas ranging from narcotics to capital murder. As the Office's first trial team chief in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, prosecuted narcotics and money laundering cases and developed HIDTA program objectives and budgets. As white collar prosecutor, investigated and prosecuted white collar crimes and served as office's civil asset forfeiture attorney. As misdemeanor trial attorney, tried all classes of misdemeanors.

Honorable Harry Lee Hudspeth, Chief U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of Texas
Law Clerk: August 1992 to August 1994
Prepared bench memoranda for cases in such areas as bankruptcy, commercial law, securities law, labor law, Title VII, Section 1983, and criminal law and procedure; drafted orders; drafted jury instructions.

Professor Elliott Weiss, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Research Assistant: January 1992 to June 1992
Performed Research for professor co-editing casebook on corporate law. Areas of research included disclosure requirements in freeze-out mergers and appraisal actions following short-form mergers.

New York City Law Department
Senior Student Legal Specialist, General Litigation Division: June 1991 to June 1992
Researched and drafted trial memoranda, affidavits and motions in such areas as Title VII, Medicaid, and Section 1983. Assisted Department attorneys in trial preparation.

Extern, Appeals Division: January 1991 to June 1991
Researched and wrote appellate briefs in a wide variety of subject areas.

Office of the District Attorney, Bronx County, New York
Legal Intern: Summer 1990
Researched and wrote memoranda; drafted motions and subpoenas; assisted prosecutors at trial.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas
Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of Criminal Justice: September 2001 to 2003. Course taught: Immigration Law and Administration.

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, New York
Director, Corporate and Foundations Relations: 1988 to 1989; **Grants Officer**: 1983 to 1989; **Grants Assistant/Capital Campaign Assistant:** 1981 to 1983

EDUCATION:

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*
Ranking: Top 10% to 15%
Honors: Recipient, Samuel Belkin Scholars Award
Member, Moot Court Board
Teaching Assistant, Legal Writing
Columbia College, Columbia University, A.B.; Major: Philosophy

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Member, Texas and New York state bars, bar of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas.