

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

CITY CLERK DEPT.

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office/Community Center Screening Committee 07 FEB 19 AM 9:34

AGENDA DATE: February 27, 2007

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Elaine S. Hengen, Senior Assistant City Attorney, 541-4550

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

This item relates to the City's reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (EPMHMRC). Council is asked to consider the reappointment of a current hold-over member whose term expired on December 31, 2006.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

This item involves the reappointment of Mr. Xavier Bañales. to the El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (EPMHMRC). Mr. Banales was appointed on October 17, 2006 to fill a vacant, unexpired term, which then expired on December 31, 2006. If reappointed, Trustee will serve his first full two-year term, which will expire on December 31, 2008.

The City is in receipt of a letter from Richard Holt, Chairperson of the El Paso MHMR Center Board of Trustees advising that Mr. Bañales is eligible for reappointment and the Board of Trustees eagerly awaits the City's decision on his reappointment.

The following recommendation is submitted to the City Council:

- That Mr. Xavier Bañales be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso MHMR Center to a full term expiring December 31, 2008 for the position designated to be held by a professional.
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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

That Mr. Xavier Bañales be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso MHMR Center to a full term expiring December 31, 2008 for the position designated to be held by a professional.

Dated this 27th day of February, 2007

CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO MHMR BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND INFORMATION REGARDING MR. XAVIER BAÑALES

The Interlocal Agreement that established the El Paso MHMR Center states certain criteria for selection of the board members. All board members and their spouses cannot own or control any interest in a business entity or organization that will receive funds from the Center. Additionally, they cannot work for or receive goods or funds from such an organization in an amount greater than 10% of its funding, unless the board member is a consumer of MH/MR services. By law, the Board members must be qualified voters in El Paso County and residents of El Paso County. State law also requires that the Board appointments must reflect the ethnic and geographic diversity of the service area, which is El Paso County.

Appointment to the Board of Trustees requires a certain selection process requiring the submission of applications and a review and recommendation from an administrative screening committee. However, current, eligible board members may be reappointed without repeating this process.

MR. XAVIER BAÑALES

Background: Mr. Bañales was appointed as Executive Director of LULAC Project Amistad two years ago. He has thirty years experience in not-for-profit management. Mr. Bañales headed the Juvenile Probation Department for the County of El Paso for five years. He has served a total of twenty-four years in high administration positions with Girl Scouts organizations in El Paso, San Antonio and San Francisco, CA. Mr. Bañales has a Bachelor's degree in History and Master's degree in Education, both from UTEP. He has or is presently serving on eight local and statewide non-for-profit and governmental boards of directors.