

DATE: March 7, 2007

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Susie Byrd

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Please place the following item on the (Check one): CONSENT XXX REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 13, 2007

Re-appointment of Summer Luciano to the Ethics Review Commission by Representative Susie

Item should read as follows: Byrd, District #2.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Ethics Review Commission

NOMINATED BY: Representative Susie Byrd

DISTRICT: #2

NAME OF APPOINTEE Summer Luciano

(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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

Same

REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: XX

RESIGNED _____

REMOVED _____

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 2/20/2007

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 2/20/2009

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1st TERM: X

2nd TERM _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____

SUMMER LUCIANO

EDUCATION

University of Texas at El Paso

Graduation: December 10, 2005

B.A. English and American Literature, Minor Women's Studies

- 2005-2006 *YWCA Reach Award*

Nominated by University of Texas at El Paso President, Dr. Diana Natalicio and selected by the YWCA Reach Committee.

- June 2005-July 2005 *Law School Preparation Institute*

The LSPI is a rigorous two month course covering analytical reasoning, logic, technical writing, legal research, and Torts. The LSPI program prepares students for the laws school application process and the expectations of future law students.

- 2004-2005 *National Deans List*

Austin Community College- Austin, TX.

2000-2000

Trinity University- San Antonio, TX.

1998-1999

- I was recruited to play collegiate basketball for the Trinity Women's Basketball team and received several academic scholarships as incentive. I played under coach Becky Geyer during the 1998-1999 season. Trinity is a NCAA Division 3 institution.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Anthropology Club-UTEP

2005-Present

Active Member

5 hours/month

Duties include serving as a liaison between Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood and Students Against ASARCO.

GAB- Gender Awareness on the Border- UTEP

2005-Present

Active Member

10 hours/month

Duties include promoting awareness of gender related issues in our border community and acting as liaison to Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood.

Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood -UTEP

2004-Present

Founder and President

30+hours/week

Responsibilities include: acting as spokesperson and overseeing the entire organization; managing members and new members; event coordination and planning; maintaining finances; and serving as liaison to Planned Parenthood, the community, and Vox organizations on college campuses.

- 2004-2005 *New Student Organization of the Year*

- *Anniversary of the March for Women's Lives*

April 26, 2005

To commemorate the largest recorded demonstration in Washington D.C. on April 25, 2004, Vox marched through the UTEP campus. Community members who had attended the March in Washington D.C. marched with UTEP students as they celebrated last years historical march.

▫ *Prevention and Safe Sex Awareness Fair* April 14, 2005
In an effort to educate the UTEP student body about safe sex and prevention, Vox hosted an array of exciting events to attract students.

▫ *UTEP Women's History Month: "Women Change America"* March 2005
Vox sponsored or co-sponsored the following events:

- *Women in El Paso Politics*- Female candidates for local political positions spoke about their political platforms and women's issues.
- *Emily and Annie's List Advocacy Training*- Vox invited grassroots coordinators from Annie's List and Emily's List. Students and members of the community learned how to get involved in local elections, how to get the voice of women heard by legislatures, and how to effectively advocate for our women's rights.
- *Dr. Devra Lee Davis, Guest Speaker*- Dr. Davis is the author of *When Smoke Ran Like Water: Tales of Environmental Deception and the Battle Against Pollution* and a leading researcher on the environmental causes of breast cancer and chronic disease. Dr. Davis was invited to speak at UTEP in light of the current threat that ASARCO-a copper smelter in El Paso- poses to the community.

▫ *Women's Health Day Lobby Day in Austin, TX.* March 1, 2005
Twelve Vox members, including UTEP Student Government Vice President of External Affairs, joined students from across the state for Lobby Day. The UTEP delegation met with our representatives and discussed pharmacist refusal clauses, Medicaid waivers, and Emergency Contraception. Vox also had the honor of being interviewed and appearing on Senator Eliot Shapleigh's television program.

▫ *National Condom Week* February 14-18, 2005
Vox handed out "goody" bags to students containing condoms and accurate information about safe sex, contraceptives, and sexually transmitted diseases.

▫ *Roe v. Wade Candlelight Vigil and Film Festival* January 20-21, 2005
In celebration of the anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision giving women sovereignty over their bodies, Vox organized a candlelight vigil to memorialize the women who have died from illegal abortion and a film festival highlighting women's struggles before Roe v. Wade and the current threat to women in today's political climate. Guest speakers at the vigil included TX. State Senator Eliot Shapleigh, C.E.O. of Planned Parenthood El Paso Betty Hoover, and mothers from the pre- Roe v. Wade era.

▫ *"Becoming and Effective Lobbyist" Training* January 11, 2005
Vox invited Simone Nichols, NARAL-TX coordinator, to UTEP for a training session where students learned how to effectively lobby Texas legislatures on issues of concern to pro-choice students.

▫ *World AIDS Day* December 1, 2004
Vox organized the event and collaborated with Planned Parenthood and UTEP to increase AIDS awareness at the UTEP campus. We provided students with information about free HIV testing, free condoms, and presentations from sponsoring organizations.

▫ *Planned Parenthood and NARAL-TX Intensive Pro-Choice Student Training* September 18, 2004
Organized seven UTEP students, including Vox officers, joined students from across Texas in San Antonio where we learned how to organize, motivate, and sustain a pro-choice student group; talk about choice effectively; defend against anti-choice tactics; political strategies for the upcoming Legislative Season; peer education; voter registration on campus.

Students Against ASARCO-UTEP

2004-Present

Co-Founder, Spokesperson, Organizer

20 + hours/week

Responsibilities include: speaking on behalf of the coalition; representing the coalition as an affected party in the ASARCO contested permit renewal hearing; organizing awareness events on the UTEP campus; forming a coalition with the El Paso Community College; lobbying El Paso city officials, El Paso neighborhood associations, the UTEP Administration, and the Student Government Association; stimulating the media's interest in the issue.

▫ *Student Government Association Resolutions* September 2004-January 2005
SAA furnished over 500 student signatures in support of the Student Government Association passing a resolution against the re-opening of ASARCO. The four month process entailed numerous presentations, rigorous lobbying, and continued displays of student support. A resolution was passed and both the Student Government Association and Students Against ASARCO are official affected parties in the ASARCO Contested Permit Renewal Hearing.

▫ *Guerilla Theatre*

January 2005

Throughout January, SAA put on several skits in order to raise students' awareness about the threats ASARCO poses to our university and the levels of lead and arsenic contamination present on our campus that exceeds the State's regulated levels. We designed a smoke-stack costume modeled after ASARCO's and performed short skits in various areas of the UTEP campus.

▫ *Anti-ASARCO Awareness Concert and Peaceful Protest of the UTEP Administration*

January 19, 2005

UTEP student organizations, Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood, the Anthropology Club, and the University Democrats, sponsored the event. The event included two live bands, guest speakers, and multiple sources of scientific evidence of ASARCO's threat to the health and environment of our campus and El Paso community. Directly following the concert, students marched on the UTEP President's office chanting, "No More Silence! Protect Your Students!" in hopes of peacefully asking that the President and UTEP Administration support students in fighting ASARCO's air permit renewal. ASARCO is directly next to UTEP and the toxins emitted from the smelter would descend on UTEP first. We demonstrated leadership and courage when we engaged administrators in a reveling and productive discussion.

▫ *Standing up for Freedom of Speech at UTEP*

January 2005- Present

UTEP's Administration attempted to silence student voice and activism on campus following the "Awareness Concert and Peaceful Protest" by attempting to take unfounded disciplinary action against the organizers of the concert. The presidents of Vox and the Anthropology Club fought for students' voice on their campus and against the University's infringement on their right to freedom of speech. Freedom of Speech policies at UTEP are currently being evaluated by a special committee of the UTEP Faculty Senate.

▫ *Community Awareness Events*

Students Against ASARCO sponsored several community events to raise awareness about ASARCO's plan to re-new their air permit.

• *Neighborhood Music and Information Event in the Park*

June 25, 2005

Live music and information about the ASARCO hearing was provided at a popular park located in one of the neighborhoods affected by ASARCO's lead contamination.

• *Anti-ASARCO Art and Music Festival*

July 9, 2005

In an effort to educate the community about the July 11th ASARCO hearing, to demonstrate community-wide opposition to ASARCO, and to provide accurate information, students organized and hosted a large-scale event in downtown El Paso. The festival featured eight local bands, ten local artists, and support from over thirty-five local businesses. Over three hundred people attended the event.

▫ *TECQ Permit Hearing*

July 11, 2005

History was made when the executive judge declared in his recommendation to TECQ Commissioners that ASARCO should not be granted a renewal permit. This ruling was unprecedented and truly represented the wishes of a community plagued by ASARCO for one hundred years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/PUBLIC SERVICE

Get the Lead Out Coalition

2004-Present

Active Member and Organizer

5 hours/week

Duties include: serving as liaison to Students Against ASARCO, giving public presentations about ASARCO and health risks, lobbying neighborhood associations, the El Paso City Council and Mayor, organize information seminars, participate in community demonstrations and advocacy.

Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood Community Outreach

2004-Present

▫ *Women's World March for Humanity*

April 27, 2005

I delivered a speech, on behalf of Vox and Planned Parenthood to community members who were gathered to raise public awareness about the continued violence against women and immigrants in the El Paso community, Juarez, and Texas. Following several speeches, marchers in El Paso joined marchers from Juarez on the International bridge to exchange treaties against violence.

▫ *Amnesty International Caravan for Justice*

October 31, 2004

Participated and rallied students to raise public awareness about the overwhelming amount of brutal murders of women in Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico. Vox joined a national caravan on their trip into Juarez, MX. From El Paso.

□ *YWCA Stop Violence Against Women Week* October 23, 2004
Vox joined several organizations at a local mall to distribute information and spread awareness about the prevalence of violence against women in our community.

□ *Latino AIDS Awareness Day* October 15, 2005
Vox collaborated with several community organizations to inform the community that it is estimated that up to 10,000 El Pasoans are infected with the HIV virus and don't know it. We educated the community about the dangerous threat of AIDS in our community and preventive measures to safe-guard sexuality.

□ *Voter Registration Drive at Le Fe Clinic* September-October 2004
Registered voters at the free health clinic and community center located in one of El Paso's poverty-stricken neighborhoods and also provided free contraceptives and safe-sex and prevention information.

POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT

Adelante Con Ganas- El Paso, TX. **Jan.-March 2006**

Campaign Manager

80 hours/week

I manage grassroots voter initiative program sponsored by Texas State Senator Eliot Shapleigh. The campaign focuses on 33,000 households with two or more members per household that have voted only once in the last five years. I manage a campaign consisting of seven weeks of block walking, a voter rally, four separate personal connections made with each of the 33,000 households, voter education, a paid media component, 250 volunteers, and ten team captains. Our goal is to increase voter turnout in the March primaries by twenty percent. Four percent of voters in El Paso control all of the issues in El Paso. The mission of Adelante Con Ganas is to return the power to all of the people by motivating them to vote.

Mayoral Election Campaign- El Paso, TX.

May-June 2005

Volunteer and Coordinator

6 hours/week

Organized students to canvass neighborhoods for successful mayoral candidate John Cook.

Presidential Election- John Kerry Campaign

October 2004

Volunteer and Student Organizer

20 total hours

Worked from the New Mexico Democratic Headquarters. Duties included phone banking, organizing student volunteers for large John Kerry rally in Las Cruces, N.M., and distributing literature and information.

El Paso Judicial Campaign

August- November 2, 2000

Paid Assistant to Campaign Manager

25 hours/ week

Duties included writing open record requests and press releases; fundraising organization; block walking and phone banking; organizing media events.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

El Paso WOPAC-Women's Political Action Committee

2005-Present

Voting Member

I was sponsored by Texas State Senator Eliot Shapleigh to become a voting member of WOPAC. Voting is required for WOPAC to financially endorse candidates in political elections, primarily local elections.

Get the Lead Out Coalition Board of Directors

January 2004- Present

Vice President

8 hours/week

Responsibilities include: acting as spokesperson for the coalition, chairing meetings, increasing coalition membership, giving public presentations, and organizing large-scale awareness events.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adelante Con Ganas <i>Campaign Manager</i>	El Paso, TX.	Jan. 2006-June 2006
State Senator Eliot Shapleigh <i>Communications Director</i>	El Paso, TX.	March 2006-June 2006
Hudson's Bar and Grill <i>Waitress</i>	El Paso, TX.	May 2001-March 2003 35+ hours/week
Ready Wash <i>Bookkeeper</i>	El Paso, TX.	Aug. 2001- Dec. 2001 20 hours/ week
Teresa Montoya Communications <i>Assistant</i> Duties included: writing press releases, designing billboards, basic secretarial work, research, creating spreadsheets and power point presentations, working with professional clients.	El Paso, TX.	Nov. 2000-Jan. 1, 2001 20 hours/week
The Hills Fitness Center <i>Café</i> Duties included managing the café in the owner's absence, preparing and serving food to customers, and creating work schedules for all café employees.	Austin, TX.	April 2000-Aug. 2000 30 hours/week
Jason's Deli <i>Cash register, Order taker</i>	Austin, TX.	Jan. 2000-Feb. 2000 30 hours/week

LANGUAGES

Bilingual- English/Spanish

I grew up in El Paso, a border community, and therefore I am fluent in conversational Spanish and have a working knowledge of reading comprehension.