

DATE: March 10, 2011

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor John F. Cook

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor TELEPHONE (915) 541-4145

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 15, 2011

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Joann Wardy to the Revolving Loan Fund Board by Mayor John F. Cook.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Revolving Loan Fund Board

NOMINATED BY: John F. Cook DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE Joann Wardy
(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?

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Martha Cooper

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 04/26/11

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

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: 03/15/11

TERM BEGINS ON : 04/27/09

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 04/26/11

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

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: X

Joann Wardy

As a native El Pasoan and an active small business person for more than 40 years, Joann Wardy understands the needs of business owners and the importance they play in the local economy.

At 17 she went to her first New York Market with her older brother Amen, who founded a landmark store in an old Trost mansion. At 19, after spending a year abroad, Joann went through an executive training program with I.Magnin and Co. in San Francisco. Amen called and asked her to come home to buy for and manage his junior department. It wasn't long before she leased the department and went into business for herself. Eventually, outgrowing the space, she moved to 5411 North Mesa. Joann Wardy carried high-end women's fashions and accessories and held as many as 18 fashion shows a year, many for local charities. Joann's clients depended on her special gift for putting the whole look together.

In 2010 Joann conceived and executed the well-received "50 Years of Fashion" exhibit and benefit runway show at the El Paso Museum of History. This exhibit honored over 30 local women's fashion stores that were popular between 1950 and 2000 and recognized key individuals in El Paso's lively retail community.

In 1986 she was honored as one of the "Outstanding Women in Business" for her fine clothing store, which she successfully ran for 18 years.

In 1995 she was recognized as owning one of the "30 Emerging Businesses" for developing and running Joann Wardy Home and Gifts, which remained a very popular store from 1994 to 2003.

Now a Realtor in El Paso, Joann continues to contribute to the community in many ways. As a member of the Horizon Water Utility Board, The Greater El Paso Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, The Realtors' Commercial Alliance, and other organizations in the past, Joann is a committed El Pasoan eager to participate in the growth of our community.