

DATE: 03-13-12

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor John Cook

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 20, 2012

Item should read as follows: Reappointment of Cora Viescas to the Civil Service Commission by Mayor John F. Cook.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Appointment to be effective April 15, 2012.

**BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM**

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Civil Service Commission

NOMINATED BY: John F. Cook DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE Cora Viescas  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: Retired

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Reappointment

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 04/14/2012

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 03/20/2012

TERM BEGINS ON : 04/15/2012

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 04/14/2015

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1<sup>st</sup> TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> TERM: X

UNEXPIRED TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

## Biographical Sketch

Cora B. Viescas

Cora Viescas retired in May, 2007, after 27 years as the Executive Director/Chief Appraiser of the El Paso Central Appraisal District. In 1980, Mrs. Viescas was appointed to establish the first major appraisal district in Texas pursuant to a legislative mandate for ad valorem tax reform.

Prior to that, she was elected City Tax Assessor/Collector for the City of El Paso, out of a field of 12 candidates. She completed extensive education in the areas of property appraisal and taxation and held the designation of Registered Professional Appraiser (RPA), Registered Texas Assessor (RTA) and Certified Tax Administrator (CTA). Mrs. Viescas was appointed by two separate governors to the State Board of Tax Professional Examiners, which is the education, licensing and regulatory board for tax professionals in Texas. She completed two six-year terms on this Board and served as its chairman for several years.

Mrs. Viescas remains active in local community and civic activities. She has received numerous awards and honors locally and statewide - - including the most recent and most cherished, "Star on the Mountain" award presented by the mayor and council for her lifetime achievements in the community and for having made a difference.

Mrs. Viescas is married to Max G. Viescas, C.P.A. (retired), and has six children, ten grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.