

DATE: 4-2-07

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Beto O'Rourke

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza TELEPHONE 541-4123

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of April 10, 2007

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Gary L. Williams to the History Museum Board as requested by Representative Beto O'Rourke, District #8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: History Museum Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Beto O'Rourke DISTRICT: 8

NAME OF APPOINTEE Gary L. Williams
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: 543-3976

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Belen Robles

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 4/12/07

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 4/10/07

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 4/10/09

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM:
2nd TERM:
UNEXPIRED TERM:

STANDARD RESUME
EL PASO MUSEUM OF HISTORY ADVISORY BOARD

Name: Gary L. Williams

Address:

Occupation: Program Officer, El Paso Community Foundation

Education: B.A. Anthropology, The University of Texas at El Paso, 1974
M.S.W. The University of Utah, 1980

Public History, Historic Preservation Or Related Experience:

Membership: Preservation Texas, Inc. Board of Directors 1998 to 2003; Advisory Board Member-2003 to present; National Trust for Historic Preservation, member-1998 to present. El Paso County Historical Society, member-1998 to present; El Paso County Historical Commission-member 1998 to present; serve as chairman of the Heritage Tourism Committee and have coordinated the development of over forty Official Texas Historical Markers and local historical markers; Historic Landmark Commission, City of El Paso-2000 to 2004. Currently serve as an advisory member to the Texas Mountain Trail Heritage Region, Texas Historical Commission.

Heritage Tourism: Have led the development of Self-guided Walking tours for Downtown El Paso, Ciudad Juárez, and San Elizario. Have developed, in partnership with other organizations, a the *El Paso Mission Trail Tourist Guide*, a *Guide to Archives of El Paso, Ciudad Juárez & Mesilla Valley* and the *Guide to Museums of El Paso & Ciudad Juárez*. Have developed a total of five exhibits for the Los Portales Museum & Information Center in San Elizario; an exhibit for the Museum of History in Ciudad Juárez, collaborated on the Mission Trail Association exhibit at the El Paso International Airport and led the development of a wayside exhibit for the Buffalo Soldiers Memorial at Fort Bliss. Co-wrote the grant for the Texas Mountain Trail.

Historic Preservation: Have assisted in the restoration of the Socorro Mission, Los Portales Building, Old County Jail, E.P. & S.W. Locomotive Number 1, the Plaza Theatre, Rio Vista Farm and the Sidewalk Clock at San Jacinto Plaza. Oversaw the restoration and reinstallation of the Wyler Mighty Wurlitzer Organ at the Plaza Theatre. Assisted with the *Socorro Mission Preservation Project* brochure.

Heritage Education: Have participated in the development of the storyline and interpretive themes for the exhibits be used at the new El Paso Museum of History. Serve on the editorial committee for the development of the El Paso Community Foundation, Border Heritage Booklet Series.

Other Historic Preservation Activities, Organizations or Interests:

Active in the interpretive planning for El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, a National Historic Trail. Currently working with GroundWork El Paso to develop and install eight wayside exhibits for the Rio Grande River Park Trail in the Upper Valley. Participate as an active member of the Rio Grande River Park Task Force and GroundWork El Paso. Work actively with the City of El Paso, Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and assisted with the development of the Preserve America, El Camino Real Planning Grant for Heritage Tourism and Historic Preservation.

Additional Comments: As the Coordinator for the Pass of the North Heritage Corridor I am active in a wide variety of historic preservation, public education, and heritage tourism activities and initiatives. Serving on the El Paso Museum of History Advisory Board would enable me to participate to an even greater degree in the greater development of our rich and colorful history.