

DATE: 4-4-07

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 X REGULAR _____

Agenda for the Council Meeting of April 10, 2007

Item should read as follows: Isela Peña to the Ethics Review Commission as requested by Representative Beto O'Rourke, District #8

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Ethics Review Commission

NOMINATED BY: Representative Beto O'Rourke DISTRICT: 8

NAME OF APPOINTEE Isela Peña
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX 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: Jerry Jarvis

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 2-20-07

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 4-10-07

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 2-20-09

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

ISELA PEÑA

EDUCATION

Columbia University, School of Law, New York, NY

Juris Doctor, received May 2003

Honors: Human Rights Fellowship, Summer 2001
Activities: *Human Rights Law Review*
Columbia Journal of Gender and Law
Latina/o Law Student Association, Symposium Co-Chair
Columbia Law Women's Association

University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

Bachelor of Arts, with Honors, received May 2000

Major: Political Science; Minor: History

Honors: College of Liberal Arts Dean's List, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society
Activities: Latino/a Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) Participant
Women's Leadership Institute Program

EXPERIENCE

The El Paso Collaborative for Academic Excellence, El Paso, TX

Think College Now Program Coordinator, October 2006 - currently

Provide oversight and coordinate the Texas Scholars initiative for the 2006-2007 school year. Efforts include initiating contact with participating schools and local business volunteer presenters, recruiting UTEP student volunteer presenters, and training student and business volunteers on the Texas Scholar presentation. Conduct Texas Scholar presentations to local middle and high school students to promote college awareness and readiness. Collect data on participating number of districts, schools, and number of students reached to evaluate the progress and success of the initiative. Provide professional development training for high school schools counselors and administrative personnel on creating college going cultures at their respective campuses.

Eighth District Court of Appeals of El Paso, El Paso, TX

Law Clerk, September 2003 – August 2006

Conducted advanced legal research and analyzed case law. Reviewed and evaluated legal briefs, motions, and other related legal documents. Identified key issues in cases and made impartial recommendations on the dispositions of cases. Drafted legal opinions and memoranda, and briefed judges on issues in cases and relevant case law in preparation for oral arguments. Conducted oral presentations on issues researched.

Kemp Smith, LLP, El Paso, TX

Summer Associate, June 2002 - July 2002

Researched and wrote memoranda involving litigation and corporate issues. Assisted in drafting original answer to pending petition and motion for summary judgment. Drafted transfer and assignment agreements of both partnership and lease interests.

Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of Texas, El Paso, TX

Summer Law Clerk, June 2001 - July 2001

Researched and wrote memoranda on probable cause and Fourth Amendment issues in the context of a deportation case. Drafted portions of a brief filed with the Board of Immigration Appeals. Other projects included researching immigration consequences of felony convictions.

LANGUAGE

Highly proficient in Spanish