

DATE: April 19, 2006

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Jose Alexandro Lozano

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of April 25, 2006

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Arturo Q. Duran to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to an Alternate Position by Rep Jose Alexandro Lozano

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Alternate

Item No.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Zoning Board of Adjustments

NOMINATED BY: Representative Jose Alexandro Lozano DISTRICT: #3

NAME OF APPOINTEE: Arturo Q. Duran

(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CITY: ST: ZIP: PHONE:

HOME ADDRESS:

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

Esteaban V. Sansores

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

OTHER (SPECIFY):

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 09/05

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 9/25/07

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

2<sup>nd</sup> TERM:

UNEXPIRED TERM:



## PROFESSIONAL RESUME

### ARTURO Q. DURAN

#### SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

*Mr. Duran brings over 16 years of Executive Management experience at the federal, state, local and international levels. His professional career has been outstanding and he has been recognized at the highest levels. He is the recipient of three Honorable Appointments by President George W. Bush; United States Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), Member of the Joint Public Advisory Committee of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) and Board Director of the Border Environmental and Cooperation Commission (BECC). Mr. Duran's abilities are well balanced. He possesses the leadership, administration, communication, facilitation and diplomatic skills, as well as a strong technical experience in water planning, water supply, wastewater treatment, water rights, environmental regulations, and water policy. Mr. Duran has operated effectively in very complex settings and has been always able to develop an effective strategy to advance programs and organizations forward. He characterizes himself as the spark plug and catalyst for change and his executive management track record proves his extraordinary ability to lead organization's cultural change resulting in a significant increase in performance, accountability and financial results.*

#### RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- ◆ ***United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission, 2003-August 2005.*** Member of the President's Administration Team reporting directly to President George W. Bush. Served as the Agency head of the IBWC United States Section, Headquartered in El Paso, Texas. The IBWC United States, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences that arise in their application. The United States Section has eleven offices in the U.S./Mexico border region and a liaison office at the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC.
- ◆ ***Member of the Joint Public advisory Committee (JPAC), North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), March 2003-Present.*** Appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as one of 15 principal environmental policy advisors to the CEC. The JPAC is composed by 5 members of each country- United States, Canadian and Mexican members appointed by their respective governments. Mr. Duran served as **the Chair** from January through June 2004.
- ◆ ***Board Director, Border Environmental and Cooperation Commission (BECC), December 2003-October 2004.*** Appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as one of 10 principal policy Directors to the BECC. Provided policy direction and approved BECC activities and programs.
- ◆ ***General Manager of the Lower Valley Water District, 2000-2003.*** An organization that provides water, wastewater, solid waste, parks and recreation and flood control services to several border communities. Appointed by a five-member elected board.
- ◆ ***U.S. Co-chair of the Health, Environment, Urban Development Committee, 1999-2002.*** A bi-national committee between U.S. and Mexico as part of the Border Liaison Mechanism of the State Department and appointed by the U.S. General Counsel.

- ◆ **Co-Chair of the Southwest Border Partnership, 1999-2000.** A comprehensive initiative to coordinate, integrate and manage Economic Development, Health, Environment, Infrastructure and Education activities for the entire Southwest Border Region through a partnership with the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone.
- ◆ **U.S. and Mexico Environmental Coordinator, 1997-2000.** U.S. and Mexico Border XXI Program chaired by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Mexico's Secretaria de Medio Ambiente, Recursos Naturales y Pesca. .
- ◆ **Advisor and Facilitator for the Interagency Task Force for Economic Development for the Southwest Border, 1999-2000.** A Presidential Initiative established through an Executive Order.
- ◆ **Advisor in the development of the Empowerment Zone Initiative, 1999.** A national economic development initiative through an appointment by USDA Rural Development.
- ◆ **Health and Environment Advisor to 23 Governors of the Western U.S., 1992-1995.** An initiative of the Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Interior, and Department of Defense through an appointment by the Western Governors Association.

## **EXPERIENCE**

**United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section 2003-2004.** Served as **the Agency's Head** responsible for providing overall policy, programatic, and administrative direction of the Commission. As a **high level diplomat**, the Commissioner has the authority to resolve conflicts between United States and Mexico that may arise from the implementation of water treaties. Communicated and coordinated activities and policy matters with other **Cabinet Members of other Federal Agencies, State Governments, and Local Governments**. Provided testimony to Congressional Committees in any matter related to the Commission and responded to all questions and concerns. Served as the **Principal negotiator** between United States and Mexico in all matters dealing with international issues related to boundary, and water treaties.

**General Manager, Lower Valley Water District, El Paso, Texas, 2000-2003.**

**Managed and coordinated** overall district operations that employs more than 50 personnel and an annual operating budget of more than \$8 million dollars. **Responsible for addressing community concerns and needs.** Provided **leadership** regarding regional water planning among 12 water districts located in El Paso County, Texas. **Coordinated** legislative water initiatives with State and local Elected Officials. **Coordinated** district activities with local, state, and federal agencies.

**Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) El Paso Texas, December 1996 to 2000, U.S. and Mexico Environmental Border Program**

**Coordinated** the development and implementation of U.S. and Mexico border infrastructure and environmental programs. **Coordinated and negotiated** agreements with local, state and federal entities in the U.S. and Mexico to address environmental priorities in the border region. **Served as the lead** for water, pollution prevention, hazardous waste, environmental education, industry outreach, sustainable development, and environmental justice bi-national programs.

**Principal, Tierra Consultores Ecologicos S.A. de C. V., Cd. Juarez, Mexico June 1995 -December 1996**

**Consultant** to Maquiladora industries and government entities in both U.S. and Mexico. **Managed and performed** a diverse number of projects including the following: 1) environmental audits, 2) environmental training for industry, state, and federal entities, 3) hazardous waste management coordination, 4) pollution prevention, 5) planning, design and operation of wastewater sanitation systems, 6) site assessments, and 7) engineering analysis evaluations.

**Manager, EPA Region 8, March 1990-June 1995**

**Managed** multi-disciplinary teams (over 100 professionals) including engineers, chemists, toxicologists, hydrologists, geologists, attorneys, community relations personnel, and contractors in the planning, design, construction and operation of multi-million projects (\$100 million/year). **Ensured** that the projects were implemented on schedule, within budget constraints, and in accordance with all environmental permits. **Managed** the environmental compliance, remediation and waste management programs at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, a Department of Energy Facility. **Performed** oversight of environmental permits. **Managed** the research and technology development programs. Wrote and approved the storm water run off permit for the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ◆ **United States Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission**
  - Improved U.S. and Mexico relations through fair and balanced negotiations between the two nations achieving resolution of diplomatic issues.
  - Led bilateral negotiations of one of most diplomatic friction issues between U.S. and Mexico regarding Mexico's 12 year non-compliance with the 1944 Water Treaty and brought it to resolution.
  - Advanced a solution to the San Diego/Tijuana sanitation issue ending a 60 year long- standing environmental and health issue.
  - Settled within the first 10 months as Commissioner, a 7 year litigation with the State of California regarding the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment non-compliance with environmental permits.
  - Launched several initiatives in each border State that will bring 1.2 billion dollars of health and environmental improvements for over 20 million people living on the U.S. and Mexico border region in the next 5 years.
  - Increased the Commission's public transparency by supporting citizen's advisory committees along the border region.
  - Implemented strategic management reforms in line with President's Bush management agenda to improve human capital, competitive sourcing, financial management, and electronic government.
  - Transformed Commission's culture to increase responsiveness to its stakeholders and build its accountability.
  - Established cooperative relationships with the border States of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California, as well as with other Federal Agencies and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.
- ◆ **General Manager, Lower Valley Water District**
  - \$1.5 million dollars saved through effective reorganization
  - Established regional water planning initiative through partnership with El Paso County and 11 other water districts in El Paso County
  - Developed and implemented education and outreach community programs
  - Streamlined operations to provide responsive services to the customers
  - Planned and implemented provision of more cost efficient water delivery services to the Colonias in El Paso County
- ◆ **Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) El Paso Office**
  - Developed, coordinated, and implemented U.S. and Mexico bi-national programs for water, pollution prevention, hazardous waste, environmental education, industry outreach, sustainable development, and environmental justice.

- *Enhanced bi-national cooperation between U.S. and Mexico for planning, information exchange and resource sharing*
  - *Developed and implemented community strategies resulting in an effective public participation in environmental decision making along the U.S. and Mexico border*
- ◆ ***Manager, EPA Region 8, March 1990-June 1995***
- *Saved \$700 Million in remediation costs*
  - *Developed National enforcement policies for Federal Facilities across the U.S.*
  - *Developed a regulatory process that integrated both technical and administrative requirements of both RCRA and CERCLA*
  - *Developed the Accelerated Action Memorandum (AAM) process for expedited response actions*
  - *Developed a streamlined approach for remedy selection that began in the site assessment phase*
  - *Recipient of Outstanding Performance Award, 1998, 1997, 1994, and 1993.*

## **EDUCATION**

*New Mexico State University, M.S. Chemical Engineering, 1992*

*New Mexico State University, B.S. Chemical Engineering, 1988*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Project Management Academy, 1990*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Training Courses (600 hours)*

## **LANGUAGE/SKILLS**

*Bilingual, Bilingual, and Bicultural in English and Spanish*

*Facilitation*

*Negotiation*

*Conflict Resolution/Diplomacy*

*Management/Administration*

*Leadership and Communication*

*Public Policy*

*Environmental Management Management Systems*