

DATE: 05/30/2012

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Susie Byrd, District 2

ADDRESS: Two Civic Center Pl., 10th floor TELEPHONE (915) 541-4124

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of June 5, 2012

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Miguel A. Torres to the Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee by Representative Susie Byrd, District 2.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee

NOMINATED BY: Rep. Susie Byrd DISTRICT: 2

NAME OF APPOINTEE Miguel A. Torres
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: mtorreslaw@yahoo.com

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

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

HOME ADDRESS: _____

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

DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: ___ NO X

IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: N/A

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: _____
REASON PERSON IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE (CHECK ONE): TERM EXPIRED: _____
RESIGNED _____
REMOVED _____

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 06/05/2012

TERM BEGINS ON: 06/05/2012

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 12/31/9999
***Committee shall automatically dissolve upon completion of it's business.**

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

MIGUEL A. TORRES

Education

Juris Doctor, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, Texas 1995

Member, State Bar of Texas - Admitted 1996

Bachelor of Business Administration with Honors, New Mexico State University - Las Cruces, New Mexico 1991

Major: Human Resources Management

Minor: Government

1987 Graduate, Canutillo High School - Canutillo, Texas

Work Experience

Solo Practitioner, Miguel A. Torres, Attorney at Law, El Paso, Texas. February 2002 to present. Solo practitioner engaged in the general practice of law, including state and federal civil and criminal matters. Federal criminal law matters have included complex white collar defense and federal death penalty cases.

Assistant Federal Public Defender, Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas, El Paso, Texas. June 1997 to February 2002. Trial attorney for indigent clients in the federal courts. Extensive motion and hearing experience. Daily communication with primarily Spanish-speaking clients and their families. Occasional advisor to court-appointed panel attorneys.

Associate, Wells Pinckney & McHugh, P.C., Matthews & Branscomb, P.C. (now the San Antonio office of Bracewell Giuliani), San Antonio, Texas. September 1995 to April 1997. Practiced in all areas of labor and employment law with one of the largest labor and employment sections in the state. Extensive federal and state motion practice, including motions for summary judgment. Prepared CLE materials on diverse employment law topics.

Research Assistant, Professor George Dix, The University of Texas School of Law - Austin, Texas. Spring 1995. Edited and cite checked a chapter in a criminal procedure textbook authored by Professor Dix.

District Assistant, U.S. Representative Ronald D. Coleman - El Paso, Texas. 1991 - 1992. Assisted in constituent services and served as a liaison with

numerous local, state, and federal agencies and several community organizations.

Professional Activities & Honors

Voting At-Large Member, United States Sentencing Commission Practitioners' Advisory Group (PAG). The PAG is comprised of 15 lawyers selected nationally to provide private bar input as a Standing Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission on policy, sentencing procedures, and Guidelines amendments. Assisted drafting recommend changes for 2010 Amendments to the Guidelines which were adopted.

Member, Merit Selection Committee for the Selection of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Texas - one of seven attorneys appointed to the Committee by the Chief Judge of the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana (2006-2007)

Member, Attorney Admissions Committee, Western District of Texas (appointed in 2007)

Past President, Mexican American Bar Association (2005 - 2006)

Member, State Bar of Texas Standing Committee on Legal Services for the Poor in Criminal Matters. Reappointed this year (2007 to present)

Member, State Bar of Texas Committee on Racial Diversity in the Profession (2008 -2011 term)

Member, State Bar of Texas Public Affairs Committee (2004 -2007 term)

Board of Directors, Mexican American Bar Association (2001 - present)

Board of Directors, El Paso Young Lawyers Association (2004 - 2006)

Conference Participant, 2005, 2002, and 1999 Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference (by invitation of local federal judges)

Board of Directors, El Paso County Historical Society (2000 - 2001)

Advisory Board, City of El Paso Twelve Travelers Advisory Committee (2001-2002)

Board Member, City of El Paso Water Conservation Advisory Committee (2004 - 2005)

Coach, Canutillo High School Mock Trial Team, 2000 and 2001

2000 Outstanding Alumnus and Commencement Speaker, Canutillo High School

Political Activities

Lawyer Volunteer Coordinator, New Mexico Obama for President. Recruited and assisted coordinating volunteer lawyers from El Paso to serve as Voter Protection Volunteers in precincts throughout Southern New Mexico on election day (2008)

Volunteer Attorney, Barack Obama for President Campaign El Paso County Democratic Convention,. Drafted legal challenges on behalf of the campaign that were argued before the state Democratic party and allowed the participation of additional Obama delegates from El Paso County. (2008)

Delegate, El Paso County Democratic Convention and Texas Democratic Convention, Barack Obama Campaign (2008)

Credentials Committee Member, El Paso County Democratic Convention. Appointed by the Democratic County Chair.

Volunteer Attorney, Democratic National Committee Voter Protection Program, 2004 Presidential Election (New Mexico). Coordinated the El Paso volunteers for the effort.

Volunteer in every presidential election on behalf of Democratic candidates since 1988, and in numerous state and local elections

Academic Activities

Permanent Class President, UT School of Law Class of 1995

President, Chicano/Hispanic Law Students Association, 1994 to 1995

Articles Editor, Hispanic Law Journal, 1994 to 1995

Member, UT School of Law Admissions Committee, 1994 to 1995

Member, American Journal of Criminal Law, 1993

Musical Director, Assault & Flattery, UT School of Law, 1995

Phi Kappa Phi, Honors Fraternity- New Mexico State University 1991

President, New Mexico State University Young Democrats 1989-1990

Personal Interests

Fluent Spanish. History, music, and politics. Guitarist with The Big Easy, a professional Blues and Soul musical group.