

DATE: June 16, 2009

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Rachel Quintana.

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of June 23, 2009

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Mel Clarkston to serve on the Art Museum Advisory Board as requested by Representative Rachel Quintana, District 5.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Art Museum Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Rachel Quintana DISTRICT: 5

NAME OF APPOINTEE Mel Clarkston  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 407 E. Nevada Ave.

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79902 PHONE: 915-351-0875

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

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79902 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Alma Oaxaca

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 08/29/2008

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 06/23/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 06/23/2011

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

## **Artist's Resume**

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**Mission Statement:** To continue learning and growing as an artist throughout my career and to find as many appropriate venues as possible for my work.

### **Exhibits/Shows and Special projects**

- 1997: Designed T-shirt logo for the **Vegetarian Society of El Paso**
- 1998: Designed cover art for James Clarkston CD "La Placita" - In the collection of Former President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush
- 1999: "Daylight's Dark Sister" Solo Exhibit **Oseye Gallery El Paso, TX**
- 2000: "Altered Worlds" Solo Exhibit **Collage El Paso, TX**
- 2000: Designed cover art for James Clarkston CD "Infinite Possibilities"
- 2000: **Art in the Park Festival El Paso, TX**
- 2001: "Scenes from Kern Place" **Hal Marcus Gallery El Paso, TX**
- 2001: **Art in the Park Festival El Paso, TX**
- 2001: " " Group Exhibit **Hal Marcus Gallery El Paso, TX**
- 2001: Featured in "Angels Among Us" Calendar - a collaborative effort benefitting victims of 9/11
- 2001: "Soup and Sherry" Exhibit at **International Museum of Art El Paso, TX**
- 2002: **Gifted Hands Gallery Silver City, NM**
- 2002: "All You Can Eat" Group Exhibit **Hal Marcus Gallery El Paso, TX**
- 2003: "Dressed in Black" Solo Exhibit **The Mel Clarkston Art Studio El Paso, TX**
- 2003: Grand Opening/Exhibit at **The Mel Clarkston Art Studio and Gallery El Paso**

2004: "Green Daze" Group Exhibit **Mel Clarkston Art Studio and Gallery** El Paso

2004: **Culture Cruise** (City Wide Art Event)- Mel Clarkston unveils series of Miniature Paintings

2005: "Chill Out!" Solo Exhibit **Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts** El Paso, TX  
Received an Award from Area Agency on Aging **Extreme Weather Task Force**  
For donating a portion of the proceeds to purchase fans for the elderly

2005: Fall Show **Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts** El Paso, TX

2006: "El Paso in Miniature" Solo Exhibit **Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts** El Paso, TX

2006: "Suenos" Solo Exhibit **Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts** El Paso, TX

#### **Teaching, Judging, Etc.**

2000-2003: Taught Acrylic painting at the **University of Texas at El Paso- Professional and Continuing Education**

2000-2004: Taught "Acrylic Painting for Teens" at the **Hal Marcus Gallery** El Paso, TX

2000-2004: Taught Acrylic Painting through **El Paso Community College Senior Adult Program**

2000: Judge for **El Paso Community College Spring Art Show**

2000: Judge for **Socorro Independent School District Student Art Exhibit**

2002: Acrylic Painting Demonstration for the **Rio Bravo Watercolorists**

2002: Acrylic Painting Demonstration **Gifted Hands Gallery** Silver City, NM

2002- Present: Childrens' Acrylic Painting Classes **Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts**

2000-Present: Acrylic Painting for Adults **Hobby Lobby, Clarkston Art, Guitars & Gifts** El Paso, TX

2002: After School Enrichment Program in Acrylic Painting for Grades 3-5 **Olga Kohlberg Elementary School** El Paso, TX

2002-2007: **Toma Mi Corazon Charity Exhibit/Auction** Avance El Paso, TX

**2003-2007; Public Television KCOS Art Auction  
Articles/ Interviews:**

- August 1999: **El Paso Times** "Opening Will Reflect Artist's Love of Night" Michael A. Duarte
- February 2000: **Looking at El Paso**
- August 2001: **What's Up? Magazine** "The Clarksons: El Paso's Artistic Couple" David Kludt
- January 2002: **El Paso Times** "Art from Tragedy" Maribel Villalva
- December 2003: **El Paso Times** "Changing Galleries" Maribel Villalva
- April 2004: **El Paso Times** featured in "52 Under 40- Arts & Entertainment" segment
- April 2004: **El Paso, Inc.** "It's a Frida-Feeding Frenzy at the Museum of Art" Betty Ligon
- Spring 2005: **El Paso Inside and Out Magazine** Custom Cigar Box Purses Featured in "Shopping Divas" Section
- December 2006: **El Paso Times** "Couple Celebrate CD, Art Exhibit" Maribel Villalva