

DATE: June 24, 2009

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Emma Acosta

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of July 7, 2009

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Nestor A. Valencia to the History Museum Advisory Board by Representative Emma Acosta, District 3.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

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

NOMINATED BY: Representative Emma Acosta DISTRICT: 3

NAME OF APPOINTEE Nestor A. Valencia
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

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

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: Anthony ST: NM ZIP: 88021 PHONE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Luis Ruiz

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 01/23/2009

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 07/07/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 07/07/2011

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

Nestor A. Valencia

Education

1963 B.A., Art, Texas Western College
1969 M.A., Political Science, University of Texas at El Paso

Professional Experience

- 1991-2007 **Vice President for Planning**, El Paso Community Foundation. Areas of responsibility include research and development for the Foundation, local and binational program development in the areas of housing, health, educational and cultural development.
- 1979-1991 **Director of Planning, Research and Development**, City of El Paso, Texas. Directed the Planning process for the City and the region of El Paso; binational planning coordination.
- 1979-1991 **Director**, Office of Federal Grants and Urban Affairs, City of El Paso, Texas.
- 1973-1977 **Executive Assistant to the Mayor**, City of El Paso, Texas
1973-1975 Hervey Administration
1975-1977 Henderson Administration
- 1972-1973 **Urban Coordinator**, Office of Urban Coordination, City of El Paso, Texas. Directed the municipal relocation services, binational liaison between the City of El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; United States federal and state agencies.
- 1969-1972 **Director of Regional Planning**, El Paso Council of Governments. Directed the creation of a federally funded El Paso-Ciudad Juarez Binational Planning Commission.
- 1964-1969 **Chief**, Advance Planning Division, City of El Paso, Texas.
- 1964-1969 **Planning Technician**, Department of Planning, City of El Paso.
- 1954-1958 United States Air Force.
- 1978-1991 **Adjunct Professor**, University of Texas at El Paso. Graduate Seminar in Urban and Regional Planning; and Municipal Planning Administration.
- 1992-1994 **Chairman**, Integrated United States – Mexico Border Environmental Plan Public Advisory Committee, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ADDENDUM

El Paso and Binational Professional Experience

- 1991-2007 Vice President for Planning, El Paso Community Foundation. I have worked on the following projects related to the border:
- 1991-2002 Directed the establishment of the low income affordable housing collaborative for the City and County of El Paso. This project, funded by the Ford Foundation made possible the construction of hundreds of low-income homes through community development corporations.
- 1993-1994 Provided extensive technical assistance to Cummins Recon for a project to assist their 600 employees of Ciudad Juarez to improve their homes and housing conditions.
- 1993-2002 Member of the Advisory Committee on El Paso-Juarez air quality, sponsored by The Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission. The Committee devised ways of solving the serious transboundary air pollution problem in the El Paso-Juarez air shed. The Committee created an international air quality management district officially recognized by both countries. The Texas Natural Resources and Conservation Commission, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the El Paso Community Foundation worked with Ciudad Juarez government agencies to establish and effective and comprehensive vehicle emissions and auto paint control systems for a city of 1.5 million across the border.
- 1992-1994 Chairman, United States Environmental Protection Agency's integrated border Environmental Plan Public Advisory Committee. A 26 member committee of the U.S.-Mexico Border.
- 1991-2006 Worked extensively with Mexico's local, State and Federal officials to bring about the planning, financing, and construction of the first two sewage treatment plants in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico.
- 1991-2005 Worked directly on the planning, funding, and implementation of a low income housing loan program for Ciudad Juarez in partnership with the Cooperative Housing Foundation and the Ford Foundation. Project is now being implemented.
- 1991-1996 Assisted the Federacion Mexicana de Asociaciones Privadas de Salud y Desarrollo Comunitario, A.C. (FEMAP) in their program to help 400 mini-home brickmaking industries convert their kiln process from burning air polluting solid waste fuel to gas.

Chronology prior to joining the El Paso Community Foundation

- 1988 Directed the City of El Paso's efforts to build a new international bridge between El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. Approval was given by both governments in 1988. Today an 80 million dollar bridge and port of entry facility for commercial and domestic traffic has been completed. This was the culmination of seventeen years of work to arrive at a successful conclusion of the Zaragoza Bridge.
- 1988 Directed the development and approval of the award winning Comprehensive Plan for the City of El Paso.
- 1981-1987 Developed program to curb illegal subdivisions in El Paso's colonias and developed subdivision, street and drainage standards for these developments in the extra-territorial jurisdiction outside the city limits of El Paso.
- 1976-1981 Coordinated El Paso's participation in the application to the U.S. Department of Commerce to create the United States-Mexico Border Title V Economic Development Regional Commission. The Commission was approved in 1977.
- 1975-1981 Planned, organized and implemented the Organization of U.S. Border Cities from San Diego, California to Brownsville, Texas.
- 1964-1969 Senior Project Planner for the City of El Paso appointed to work directly on all facets affecting the City arising from the implementation of the 1963 Chamizal International Treaty between the United States and Mexico. The return of 437 acres of land from El Paso to Mexico required planning and coordination with Mexico, relocation of 5,000 El Paso residents, relocation of the Rio Grande River channel, arterials, ports of entry, business and community facilities.
- 1971-1973 At the request of the United States Government, served as Planning Consultant to the Republic of Costa Rica on urban and regional planning.

Special projects

Partial list of unique projects with major or full responsibility to complete

El Paso History Museum (original on Interstate 10) – 1975

Wilderness Park Museum – 1975

El Paso Amphitheater – 1976

Paseo De Las Luces – 1985

Zaragoza International Bridge – 1988

Arts Festival Plaza – 1996

Karl O. Wyler Aerial Tramway – 2000

Plaza Theatre Performing Arts Center -2006

Awards/Certifications

- 1991 **Conquistador Award** presented by the City of El Paso for serving the city and citizens of El Paso in an outstanding manner for 33 years. Achievements include the Zaragosa Bridge Project, development of the award winning Master Plan for the city of El Paso, Director of the City's Department of Planning Research and Development, and for serving as Executive Assistant for two mayoral terms.
- 1990 **Award** presented by the United States Customs Service in recognition for outstanding assistance and cooperation to further international commerce through the approval and construction of the new Zaragosa - El Paso International Bridge.
- 1990 **Appreciation Award** presented by the Intercity Group for outstanding achievement in the approval process and construction of the Zaragosa-El Paso International Bridge.
- 1988 **Award** presented by the Texas Chapter of the American Planners Association for the development of the award winning City of El Paso's Comprehensive Plan.
- 1984 **Medal of Merit** presented by the Sunturians and KVIA-TV for outstanding service to the community in the area of government.
- 1984 **Certificate of Appreciation** presented by the Housing Authority of El Paso in recognition of outstanding service to the Authority.
- 1983 **Certificate of Appreciation** presented by the Historic Preservation Commission for vision and support of historic preservation efforts in El Paso, Texas 1977-1983.
- 1981 **Excellence Award** presented by Insights Museum for outstanding contribution as a founding Board of Trustees to the El Paso Science Center.
- 1981 **Award** presented by the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez (UACJ) for teaching a graduate course in urban region and planning, fall of 1980.
- 1978 Certified as **Charter Member** of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- 1977 **Distinguished Service Award** presented by the Matrix Society for services to the University of Texas of El Paso.
- 1977 **Award** presented by the Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez (UACJ) for teaching a graduate course in urban design and urban development.
- 1976 **Distinguished Service Award** presented by the Alumni Association for recognition for services to the University of Texas at El Paso.
- 1975 **Letter of Appreciation** from President Gerald R. Ford for assistance and coordination of the President's visit to El Paso.
- 1974 **Award** presented by LULAC Council # 8 for outstanding contribution to the community and LULAC.
- 1971 Completed examination to be certified as a **Professional Urban Planner** by the

American Institute of Planners, New Orleans, LA.