

DATE: July 7, 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 14,2009

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Donald Leon Williams to the Complete Count Committee as requested by Representative Emma Acosta, District 3.

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

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Complete Count Committee

NOMINATED BY: Representative Emma Acosta DISTRICT: 3

NAME OF APPOINTEE Donald Leon Williams  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

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

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: New Committee

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 07/14/2009

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: Committee shall cease its function on 12/31/2010

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

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PLACE OF BIRTH: Houston, Texas

## HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Bitburg American High School, Bitburg, Germany, 1965-68  
Graduated, W. H. Burges High School, El Paso, Texas, 1969  
National Honor Society  
Sophomore, Junior Class President  
President, Stamp Out Stupidity (SOS) (an anti-drug abuse organization)  
1st place Europe-Oratorical Contest  
1st in District, Regional, and 2nd in State Speech Tournament (Texas)  
Varsity Wrestling (Europe)  
First African-American Student Body President, William H. Burges High School, El Paso, Texas.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Appointed to and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, 1969  
Attended and Graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso, BA, Political Science, El Paso, Texas, 1973  
Attended and Graduated from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law, Austin, Texas. December, 1975

## ACTIVITIES-COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Army ROTC, Distinguished Military Student and Graduate  
Student Senate, Black Student Union  
President, Vice President, Dean of Pledges, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Kappa Chapter  
Outstanding Alpha of the Year (National) 71-72, 72-73  
Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 71-72, 72-73  
First African-American President, UTEP Student Government Association, 1972-1973  
Top Ten Seniors, UTEP, 1973  
Men and Women of Mines, UTEP, 1973  
Featured in book Coattails and Landslide by UTEP Professor, Dr. Joseph Ray (President Emeritus)  
Recipient, Public Administration Internship Scholarship  
Served on various University Faculty-Student Committees

## LAW SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

President, Thurgood Marshall Legal Society  
Director, Project Info-Law (Minority Recruitment)  
Law School Representative to the University Student Senate  
Board Member, Law School Student Association  
Member, Admissions Committee  
Who's Who Among Students at American Colleges and Universities  
Intern, Good Neighbor Commission  
Intern, Department of Defense Legal Internship Program (JAGC)

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Assistant County Attorney, Travis County, Austin, Texas, 1975-76  
U.S. Army JAGC, 1977-83  
Regular Army Commission, 1980  
Honorable Discharge, 1983  
Officer-in-Charge of Gelnhausen Legal Center, Germany 1978-1980  
Senior Defense Counsel, Fort Bliss, Texas, 1980-83  
Instructor, University of Maryland (European Division), Paralegal Program, 1979-80  
Instructor, Legal Assistant Division, El Paso Community College, 1986-1992 Associate Municipal Court Judge El Paso, Texas, 1992-95  
Criminal Law Magistrate, El Paso County, Texas, 1995  
Family Court Judge, El Paso County, Texas, 1995-99  
Visiting Associate Family Court Judge, 65<sup>th</sup> District Court, 2006-2008  
Visiting Associate Family Court Judge, 171<sup>st</sup> District Court, Current  
Advanced Family Law Mediator, 1994-Current  
Solo-Practitioner, Law Offices of Donald L. Williams, 1983, Current

## PROFESSIONAL/BAR ACTIVITIES

Member State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, National Bar Association,  
El Paso Bar Association, Lawrence A. Nixon Bar Association, Mexican-American Bar Association  
Board of Directors, El Paso Bar Association  
Member, Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, State Bar of Texas & El Paso Bar Association  
Member, College of the State Bar of Texas  
Member, Texas Bar Foundation  
Member, State Bar of Texas Racial Diversity Committee  
Chairman, Executive Committee, Family Law Bar Association 2006, 2007, 2009  
State Bar Grievance Professional Enhancement Program  
Former Sub-Committee Chair, El Paso Bar Fee Dispute Committee  
Domestic Violence Prevention Commission  
YWCA, Advisory Council, Helping Children Cope With Divorce and ROLLERCOASTERS  
Candidate, 388<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, 1999  
Course Director, Family Law 101 Seminar, El Paso Family Law Bar Association, 1999  
Co-Course Director, Resolving Custody, Visitation & Access Disputes, 2000  
Planning Committee, Presenter, Family Law On the Border, 2001 and 2004, 2006  
Panelist, Attorney Ad Litem/Guardian Ad Litem Seminar, 2002, 2006  
Presiding Officer, University of Texas School of Law-CLE- Family Law and the Military, 2005  
Moderator and Presenter, Pro Bono Seminar, State Bar of Texas 2003  
President, El Paso Family Law Bar Association, 2003, 2004, 2005  
Presenter, State Bar of Texas, Texas Minority Attorney Program, 2006, 2008  
Course Director, Family Law and the Military, 2003 & 2007  
Presenter, State Bar of Texas Marriage Dissolution Institute Boot Camp 2007  
Course Director, Family Law 201, Effective Practice Before the El Paso Family Courts, 2007  
Panelist, Military Law Update, State Bar of Texas Webcast, 2007  
Originator of House Bill 930 that Amended Texas Family Code, §201.007, 2007  
Presenter, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Trial Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2009

Compiled, 171<sup>st</sup> District Family Court Staff Orientation and Reference Manual, 2009  
Presenter, El Paso Family Law Bar Association, Child Support Seminar, 2009  
Panelist, Family Law In the Military Combat Zone, State Bar Webcast, 2009

#### LEGAL ARTICLES, HANDBOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Brotherly or Sisterly Love or Sibling Rivalry-Resolving Relationship Issues through the Texas Lawyers Creed  
Military Support Requirements-Establishing and Calculating Military Child Support  
An Alternative to Temporary Custody Battles  
Preparing Effectively for the Temporary Orders Hearing  
Is This the Client You Want? Screening, Signing Up and Maintaining Quality Clients  
Associate Judge Statute  
Joint Complex Retirement/Child Support Calculations  
Top Ten Tips for Developing A Successful Solo Practice  
Interviewing, Counseling Military Service and Family Members in Family Law Cases  
Unique Family Law Issues in the Military Community  
Texas Divorce Information Handbook  
Child Support Handbook  
Paternity Handbook  
Modification Handbook  
Clarification and Enforcement of Military Retirement Handbook  
Pro Se Divorce Litigation-Self Representation in Family Court  
Texas Family Law in the Military Combat Zone

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1982  
Recipient, UTEP Black Student Image Award, 1983  
Lawrence A. Nixon Judicial Achievement Award, 1992  
Black El Paso Democrats' Outstanding Community Service Award, 1992  
Outstanding Church and Community Service Award, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, 1992  
Grand Marshal, El Paso Black History Month Parade, 1993  
Who's Who Worldwide, 1992-1993, 1994-1995  
National Directory of Who's Who of Executives & Professionals, 1996-97  
Continental Who's Who Registry, Millennium Edition, 2001-2002  
Featured in book, African-American Achievers Making History on the Border in El Paso, Texas by Ethel Toliver-Kindred  
Honorary Member and Inductee, University of Texas at El Paso Honors Council, 1998  
University Of Texas at El Paso Strategic Planning General Education Study Group  
411 News Unity Award, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999  
Committee to Establish the R.E.L. Washington Elementary School, 2000  
Committee to Establish the Chester E. Jordan Elementary School, 2007  
Celebrity, "Papeleros With a Purpose", LULAC Project Amistad, 2007, 2008  
Outstanding Community Service Award, Phillips Chapel CME Church, 2007  
Outstanding Citizenship Award, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, 1992  
Established, The Donald L. Williams Endowed Student Enhancement Fund, UTEP, 2006  
Silver Life Member, National NAACP, Since 2007  
1<sup>st</sup> Recipient, President's Award, El Paso Branch NAACP 2007  
Inductee, El Paso County Democratic Party Hall of Fame, 2007  
Recipient, Community Service Award, El Paso Branch NAACP, 2008  
El Paso Commission for Women Community Service Recognition 2008, 2009  
Visitor's Chapel Community Service Award, 2009

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Charter Member, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church  
Former Chair, Board of Trustees, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church  
President, St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church of El Paso, Tx., Inc. 2008

Charter Member, Black El Paso Democrats  
Former President, Pebble Hills Elementary PTA  
United Way Allocations Committee  
Executive Committee, Family Law Bar Association, 1995-99, 2002-2007, 2008, 2009  
Past President, Theta Delta Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Co-Chair, (YES) Youth Enrichment Seminar, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990  
Graduate, Leadership El Paso, Class 10, 1987-1988, El Paso Chamber of Commerce  
Board of Directors, Leadership El Paso Alumni Association  
Board of Managers-Casa Blanca Therapeutic Communities, Inc.  
University of Texas El Paso Commission 2001, Leadership Committee  
Board of Directors, UT El Paso Alumni Association 1995-97  
Board of Directors-Junior Achievement of the Desert Southwest  
Advisory Council, El Paso Community College, Legal Assistant Program  
Moderator, Delta Sigma Theta/UTEP, African American Knowledge Bowl, 2009  
Member, El Paso Black Chamber of Commerce  
Member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Vice Chair/Chair, UT El Paso, Thelma White Network, 1997-2000, 2000-2003  
Volunteer, Juvenile Drug Court, 409th District Court, Current  
El Paso Community College Diversity Program Ribbon Cutting, 2009  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, El Paso Branch NAACP, 2009

### POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

El Paso Grassroots for Obama  
Successfully Challenged the El Paso Democratic Delegation Allocation before State Credentials Committee (Austin), 2008  
Delegate- Precinct, County and State Democratic Conventions, 2008  
Senatorial District 29 Delegate to National Democratic Convention, 2008  
El Paso County Democratic Party UNITY 2008  
Chair, El Paso Branch NAACP, Political Action Committee, 2005-Present  
Chair, Black El Paso Democrats, 2005-Present

### COMMUNITY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Speaker, Project Alpha, A Man to Man Talk About Teen Pregnancy  
Speaker, Paternity/Child Support, Father/Son Conference, Americas High School,  
Speaker, Texas State Legal Secretaries Association  
Speaker, El Paso Legal Assistants Association  
Speaker, 70th Ordnance Battalion. Prayer Breakfast  
Speaker, 11th ADA Brigade, Offsite  
Speaker, La Tuna Federal Prison  
Speaker, Joint Task Force Six  
Speaker, Martin Luther King Celebration, Ft. Bliss, Texas  
Speaker, El Paso Inter-Club Council, Juneteenth Heritage Breakfast  
Speaker, ADA 552, Domestic Violence Prevention  
Speaker, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Biggs Field  
Speaker, Texas Health Information Management Association Workshops  
Speaker, El Paso Interpreters and Translators Association  
Speaker, Junior League Court Link  
Speaker, Asociacion Lideres Mexicanos Americanos (ALMA)  
Speaker, University of Texas at El Paso, Student Government Association Induction  
Speaker, University of Texas at El Paso Honors Council Induction  
Speaker, University of Texas at El Paso 50 Year Desegregation Celebration  
Speaker, University of Texas at El Paso Multi-Cultural Graduation Celebration  
Speaker, Border Patrol, El Paso Sector  
Speaker, El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), Veterans Day Presentation  
Speaker, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States Section  
Speaker, Black History Month and Career Day Programs at various middle and high schools