

DATE: August 11, 2011

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Susie Byrd

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, El Paso, TX TELEPHONE 915-541-4416

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of August 23, 2011

Item should read as follows: Appointment of J. Albert Alvarado to the Construction Board of Appeals by Representative Susie Byrd, District 2.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Category: Fire Protection Designer

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Construction Board of Appeals

NOMINATED BY: Representative Susie Byrd DISTRICT: 2

NAME OF APPOINTEE J. Albert Alvarado  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 490 Eagle Drive

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79912 PHONE: 915-584-0523

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

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

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Seam Chow

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 08/31/2011

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

CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE: 08/23/2011

TERM BEGINS ON : 08/31/2011

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 08/31/2013

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

# J. ALBERT ALVARADO

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## Objective

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## Employment

**PRESIDENT** **YEARS EMPLOYED (1997 - 2010)**  
*Century Fire Systems, LLC* *El Paso, Texas*

### SERVICE OFFERINGS

- Automatic Fire Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Contracting Services
- Code consulting and project management
- Life safety and fire engineering services.
- Fire detection and suppression systems code consulting and project management.

**FIELD OFFICE MANAGER** **YEARS EMPLOYED (1996 - 97)**  
*Tomes, Van Rickley, & Associates (Fire Engineering Firm)* *El Paso, Texas 79912*

### October of 1996 to October of 1997

- Establish professional relationships with local and international design and building trades professionals to provide and service them with the full spectrum of fire engineering and consulting services.
- Provide project management services for ongoing construction and preliminary design projects.
- Provide technical reports, alternative methods appeals, appeal to jurisdiction code requirements, and design specifications for specific areas of building projects.
- Prepare appeals to municipal building boards of appeal and render other appeal services to various clients that choose performance based code methods of complying with codes, rules, regulations, and ordinances.
- Provide cost-efficient alternatives to building and design professionals with regards to fire codes and other regulations.

**ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL** **YEARS EMPLOYED (1992 - 97)**  
*El Paso Fire Department* *El Paso, Texas 79912*

Reported directly to the Fire Marshal for the City of El Paso. I supervised all aspects of the Fire Marshal Division. This included all aspects of daily operations, in addition to fire investigations. I personally administered, as well as actively participated, in all fire department functions which impacted the Fire Code as well as the City of El Paso Municipal Code. I spent one and one-half years as the head plans reviewer for all commercial projects so as to improve the efficiency and accountability of the plans review process. Reviewed and administered budget matters within this

division. Completed writing the Procedures Manual for the Fire Marshal Division, which included the Arson Investigation Division. Trained, evaluated, and supervised a staff of 24 personnel within this division on a continual basis. I have successfully testified as an expert witness on code related matters. I am qualified as an expert in vehicle arson and used as such while at the Fire Marshal division.

**FIRE CAPTAIN**  
*El Paso Fire Department*

**YEARS EMPLOYED (1992 - 97)**  
*El Paso, Texas 79912*

Supervised emergency and non-emergency operations for personnel assigned to my fire company. In charge of all fire station operations, emergency as well as day-to-day operations. Supervised all other non-emergency duties including monthly and daily reports, inspections, training of personnel, equipment and station maintenance. Assumed the duties of Fire District Chief in his absence and as such in charge of firefighting personnel and equipment at large scale fire incidents.

**FIRE LIEUTENANT**  
*El Paso Fire Department*

**YEARS EMPLOYED (1981 - 89)**  
*El Paso, Texas 79912*

Supervised emergency and non-emergency operations for personnel assigned to my fire company. Supervised all other duties of my assigned personnel. Other duties included preparation of daily, monthly, and yearly reports, inspections, training of personnel, equipment and station maintenance. In the absence of the fire station Captain, assumed the duties of operating the fire station on a day-to-day basis.

**FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNICIAN**  
*El Paso Fire Department*

**YEARS EMPLOYED (1977 - 81)**  
*El Paso, Texas 79912*

Assumed firefighting and all other duties as they were assigned to me by my supervisors. Trained in all firefighting aspects and in the operation of all types of fire equipment including aerial ladders, Snorkel, pumpers, chiefs cars, and all other specialized firefighting and extrication equipment.

**FIREFIGHTER**  
*El Paso Fire Department*

**YEARS EMPLOYED (1972- 77)**  
*El Paso, Texas 79912*

Assumed firefighting and all other duties as they were assigned to me by my supervisors. Trained in all firefighting aspects and in the operation of all types of fire equipment including aerial ladders, Snorkel, pumpers, chiefs cars, and all other specialized firefighting and extrication equipment.

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## ***Education***

**FIRE TECHNOLOGY MAJOR**  
*El Paso Community College*

**YEARS ATTENDED (1975 -78)**  
*El Paso, Texas 79912*

Studied Fire Technology and Automotive Systems - *54 hours credit.*

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## *Skills*

- **Certifications** --State of Texas Certified Firefighter, Certified Peace Officer and Certified Arson Investigator. Over 500 hours in various accreditations including vehicle arson, juvenile arson, industrial firefighting hazardous materials technician, D.O.T. Hazardous Materials Transport Inspection, Fire inspector, arson detection, advanced arson investigation, insurance fraud and money laundering, fire safety plans review, blasting safety, fire safety educators association, fire sprinkler plans review, and NICB certification.

### **1986 -1989 RELATED BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

Owner and operator of a full service automotive shop located in El Paso. As a new business start-up, it gave me valuable business experience and enabled me to obtain certifications in areas such as automotive diagnostics, automotive testing equipment, air tools, refrigeration equipment, welding, and electrical diagnostic equipment. Total automotive experience — over 20 years.

### **INTERESTS**

Volunteer with the local YWCA Building Board and the El Paso Center for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing. Interests include computers, vehicle restoration, travel, outdoors, and off-road vehicles.