DATE: 10/20/10

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Emma Acosta

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza TELEPHONE 915-541-4572

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 2 ,2010

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Gerardo Licon to the Building and Standards Commission, as a regular member, by Representative Emma Acosta, District 3.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Category: Structural Engineer

## BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Building and Standards Commission

NOMINATED BY: Representative Emma Acosta DISTRICT: 3

NAME OF APPOINTEE Gerardo Licon
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

CITY: ST: ZIP: PHONE:

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: Kenneth Walters

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 02/15/2009

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

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE:** 11/02/2010

**TERM BEGINS ON :** 02/16/2009

**EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE:** 02/15/2011

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

**GERARDO A LICON, P. E.**
**Licon Engineering Co., Inc.**

Gerardo (Gerry) A. Licón, P.E. earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 1986, and his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering also from UTEP, along with his wife of 23 years (also a civil engineer), in 1999. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas and is the only El Paso engineer to have earned the prestigious Young Engineer of the Year award in the State of Texas, in 1996 from the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

Gerry and his wife Margarita own Licon Engineering Co., Inc. (LEC Group), a women-owned, Small, Disadvantaged Business (SDB), and 8(a) certified business doing business with the private and public sectors.

He worked in the private sector, doing business with privately owned companies to develop residential, commercial and industrial projects. Gerry went on to become a partner in these companies, working on numerous projects ranging from small residential developments to large transportation and industrial infrastructure projects.

As a partner with his wife, Margarita at Licon Engineering Co., Inc., he has led project teams in engineering, environmental, design, and construction contracts for various municipal, state and federal agencies, including U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, Homeland Security, Corps of Engineers, Department of Labor, and Housing and Urban Development, among others.

LEC Group is a fast-growing company which, in less than 8 years has grown into a multi-disciplined firm with over 50 permanent employees and offices in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, California, and México. LEC has received several awards, including the Fastest Growing Company in El Paso by the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and the Family-Owned Business of the Year by the United States Small Business Administration.

Gerry is a former Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso, and former member of the City of El Paso Building Board of Appeals and Flood Damage Prevention Board of Appeals. His community involvement includes his current role as President of the 8(a) and Government Contractors Association, and Board member of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Chairman - Business Research and Advisory Council). He recently served as a Board member of the UTEP Alumni Association (Vice-President of Ways and Means). He is also a past Executive Committee Member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce (Chairman - Government Relations Division), and past State Director and past President of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies, and Structural Engineers Association of Texas. He is a founding member of the Alumni Academy of Civil Engineers at UTEP, and is also a former trustee of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra Association.

Gerry is a licensed and ordained minister along with his wife Margarita, serving at Abundant Living Faith Center in its Married Life, Spanish, and theater/drama ministries. They have three children; Marcela, a Business Administration student in Paris, France, Gerry, Jr., an Electrical Engineering student at UTEP, and Bianca, a senior high school student at New Mexico Military Institute, in Roswell, New Mexico.