

DATE: 10-29-2008

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Steve Ortega

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901 TELEPHONE 915-541-4124

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 4, 2008

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Daniel Ortiz, to fill an unexpired term, to the Empowerment Zone Advisory Board by Representative Steve Ortega, District 7.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Category: Employee of a for-profit business located in the Empowerment Zone.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Empowerment Zone Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Steve Ortega DISTRICT: 7

NAME OF APPOINTEE Daniel Ortiz
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79936 PHONE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Kwadwo Achampong

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 10/02/2009

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 11/04/2008

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 10/02/2009

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

Daniel Ortiz

EDUCATION:

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW Washington, DC

J.D. Program Conferred May 2008

Mock Trial Honor Society (06-08), Vice President, 4th Place at the Gourley National Trial Competition
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity (06-08) – Financial Executive; Latino Law Student Association (05-08)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Palo Alto, CA

Political Science, International Relations Conferred June 2004

House Government President (00-01, 02-03), Pre-Law Society Financial Executive (02-04),

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Oxford, England

Overseas Studies Program April 2003-June 2003

Tutorial in Political Science with an emphasis on Comparative British and United States Government Policy

WORK EXPERIENCE:

MOUNCE, GREEN, MEYERS, SAFI, PAXSON, & GALATZAN El Paso, TX

Associate Attorney Sept 2008 – Present

Presently working on general civil defense litigation matters.

Summer Associate July 2007 – August 2007

Researched and wrote legal memos for a civil defense litigation firm on eminent domain, product liability, insurance defense, school district immunity, Texas building codes, failure to warn, as well as writing trial briefs, compiling expert testimony in appellate cases, second chairing jury trials, attending hearings, meeting with the city housing finance committee, and attending depositions.

EL PASO CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE El Paso, TX

Clerk June 2007- July 2007

Assisted City Council on topics including regulation of deteriorating properties, contract interpretation and defense, police department defense, international bridge and border roadway research, alternative dispute resolution, jurisdictional divisions between city, county, regional fire fighting units.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Washington, D.C.

Office of General Counsel, Legal Intern January 2007 – May 2007

Reviewed medical malpractice, personal injury and employment discrimination claims to determine merit, recommend settlement options, research and write memos and assist in trial preparation.

EL PASO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE El Paso, TX

Law Clerk June 2006 – August 2006

Conducted legal research and prepared predictive legal memorandums for the First Assistant County Attorney on pending litigation, provided in-house attorney training, interviewed clients and assisted trial litigation.

EL PASO CITY COUNCIL El Paso, TX

City Council Policy Aide June 2005 – August 2005

Analyzed legislative issues for City Council Members by coordinating meetings with city department directors as well as researching and developing agenda items for weekly meetings based on constituent needs.

EL PASO CITY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN El Paso, TX

Political Campaign Manager January 2005 – June 2005

Successfully managed the political campaign for a city council candidate, including the coordination of volunteers and development of an effective plan of action to reach voters, during the 2005 municipal elections in El Paso, TX.

VOTERTOUCH/REUEL GROUP, INC. El Paso, TX

Political Consulting Internship December 2004 – May 2005

Tested the first internet-based political consulting software, researched campaign finance, privacy, and telecommunication regulations in support of expanding the consulting service into additional states beyond Texas.

EL PASO COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE El Paso, TX

County Judge Research Assistant June 2003 – Sept 2003

Investigated and compiled statistical data, targeted surveys, and census documents into reports assessing the needs and costs of family self sufficiency to guide county-wide public policy in the office of the El Paso County Judge.

STANFORD CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER Stanford, CA

Shadow Program Director Sept 2002 – June 2004

Founded, publicized, and coordinated a campus-wide career development program which matched local career professionals with students in "shadow days" to experience the reality of a workday in their preferred career area.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP:

EL PASO MEXICAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Mentor Oct 2008 - Present

Volunteer mentor to prelaw college students interested in the legal profession.

COMMUNITY SCHOLARS 200 N. Ochoa, El Paso, TX

Member Oct 2008 – Present

Volunteer mentor to youth scholars chosen from area high schools who participate in an intensive summer internship program that provides public policy research for the El Paso community.

THE BORDER FARMWORKER CENTER 9th and Oregon, El Paso, TX

Member Nov 2008 – Present

Volunteer in administration of social services to border agricultural workers and their families, as well as the residents of Southside El Paso.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW CLINIC Washington, D.C.

Student Attorney August 2007 – May 2008

Represented small business owners, community and economic project leaders with transactional work including a nonprofit youth leadership corporation and an immigrant rights political action committee.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT El Paso, TX

Member Sept 2004 – July 2005

Supported a local El Paso Catholic Diocesan campaign which aims to assist low-income Mexican immigrants escape the cycle of poverty and overcome employment barriers through educational assistance and economic development.

ELIZABETH GLASER PEDIATRIC AIDS FOUNDATION Stanford, CA

National Walkathon Director Sept 2002 – June 2004

Directed a national student walkathon with 8 colleges, recruited a student network of coordinators in Austin, TX and San Francisco, CA, and managed fundraising and logistical organization necessary to raise and donate over \$43,000.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE BOOK Stanford, CA

Associate Editor April 2002– June 2002

Critiqued and composed English translations for the author of a newly written Mandarin language book published and marketed to first generation Asian-Americans in the U.S. for the purpose of enriching their bilingual knowledge.

STANFORD SPANISH TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM Stanford, CA

Bilingual Tutor Sept 2001 – June 2003

Mentored and developed the English language skills of on-campus maintenance workers whose primary language was Spanish in order to help them become more knowledgeable and effective workers to qualify for promotions.

PERSONAL:

- *Solid Background in Government/Legal Research and Service Leadership * Conversational Spanish
- * Knowledge of PC and Mac, HTML, Microsoft Office Suite * Educated in BASIC and C programming language
- * Can easily adapt to new software * 18 year Classical Pianist * References available upon request