

DATE: November 30, 2005

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Steve Ortega

ADDRESS Two Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, TX 79901

TELEPHONE 541-4108

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of December 6, 2005 – Board Appointment

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Dr. Carina (Karen) Ramirez to the El Paso Bond Overview Advisory Committee by Representative Steve Ortega, District #7

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Appointment to 1st term

Item No. _____

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: El Paso Bond Overview Advisory Committee

NOMINATED BY: Representative Steve Ortega DISTRICT: # 7

NAME OF APPOINTEE Dr. Carina (Karen) Ramirez
(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?

Veronica Veytia (term expired 7/2004)

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

OTHER (SPECIFY): _____

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 7/2004

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 12/07

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

CURRICULUM VITAE

Carina (Karen) Grosse Ramirez

Education:

- B.A. - Spanish; Anthropology, French. University of South Dakota, 1961.
- M.A. - Comparative Linguistics. University of Texas at El Paso, 1971.
- Ph.D. - Anthropology & Folklore. UNAM, Mexico, 1964.
Holistic Medicine. University of Zulia, Venezuela, 1968.
Comparative Linguistics. University of Chihuahua, Mexico, 1975.

Academic Experience:

- Teacher of English, Spanish and French, Grades 7-9, Jim Bridger Junior High School, Las Vegas, Nevada, 1961-62.
- Teacher of Spanish, Grades 1-12, Klamath-Trinity Unified School, Hoopa Indian Reservation, Hoopa, California, 1962-64.
- Teacher of Spanish, Grades 1-8, Gustine Unified School, Gustine, California, 1964-67.
- Teacher of English as a Second Language, Grades K-12, Escuela Campo Verde, Ti'a Juana, Zulia, Venezuela, 1967-68.
- Teacher of English as a Second Language and Spanish, Grades K-8, Newman-Gustine Unified Schools, Newman and Gustine, California, 1968-70.
- Teaching Assistant in English and Linguistics (ESL), UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1970-71.
- Instructor in Linguistics (ESL), English (Folklore) and Anthropology, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1971-75.
- Assistant Professor in Linguistics (ESL), English (Folklore) and Anthropology, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1975-80.
- Director of Chicano Studies Program, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972-76.
- Instructor (Part-time) of ESL and English, El Paso Community College and Sergeant Majors Academy, Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas 1977-1989.
- ** (The death of my husband in April, 1980, precipitated my decision to quit working full-time for the sake of my daughter.)
- Teacher of English and ESL, San Elizario Independent School District, San Elizario, Texas, 1987-89.
- Professor (Full-time) of ESL, El Paso Community College, El Paso, Texas, 1989-present.

Credentials:

- Nevada General Secondary - Life (Entitled to teach in any secondary school and in grades seven and eight of any elementary school)
- California General Secondary - Life (Entitled to teach in any secondary school and in grades seven and eight of any elementary school)
- Texas Provisional High School (Life - Entitled to teach in any middle or secondary school)

Business:

- InterAmerican Translators, El Paso, Texas. Established 1978.

Public Service:

- Board of Directors, El Paso County Center for Human Development Volunteers, El Paso, Texas, 1978-80.
- Board of Directors (Founding Member), El Paso Women's Education and Employment, Inc., El Paso, Texas, 1980-1985.
- Board of Directors, Bridges School, El Paso, Texas, 1981-85.
- Board of Trustees, Ysleta Independent School District, 1983-90 (President, 1985-86).
- Board of Directors, Clean Community Systems, El Paso, Texas, 1984-86.
- Board of Directors, El Paso Symphony, El Paso, Texas, 1986-87.

Professional Experience:

- Developer and Coordinator of the Spanish language program for the elementary and junior high schools, Gustine, California, 1964-67.
- Developer and Coordinator of ESL and Migrant Education, España's Migrant Camp, Los Banos, California, 1967.
- Developer and Coordinator of programs for Title I and Title VII, ESL and Compensatory Education, Remedial Reading, Migrant Education, and Bilingual Education, Newman-Gustine Unified Schools, Newman, California, 1968-70.
- Co-developer of Chicano Studies Program curriculum and proposal for the Chicano Studies major, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1970-72.
- Director of Chicano Studies Program, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972-1976.

Related Experience:

- Resource Consultant, Cultural Awareness Center seminar sponsored by the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, El Paso, Texas, January 25-27, 1973.
- Resource Consultant, The Human Resources and Leadership Conference for Migrants sponsored by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Austin, Texas, March 9-11, 1973.
- Chairman, Textbook Committee, Linguistics, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1971-76.
- Chairman, Textbook Committee, Chicano Studies, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972-76.
- Member, Faculty Workload Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1991-92.
- Member, Safety Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1991-1992.
- Member, ESL Discipline Textbook Selection Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1990-present.
- ESL Discipline Parliamentarian, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1990-present.
- Coordinator, ESL Expo (A Career Exploration Program), EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1991-present.
- Coordinator/Monitor, ESL Exit Exam Grading Sessions, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1990-present.
- Chairman, LRC (Learning Resource Center) Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1992-present.
- Member, Personnel Interview Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, July, 1993.

Fellowships and Scholarships:

- Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshman Scholastic Honorary), University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1957-58.

- Mortar Board (Senior Scholastic and Service Honorary), USD, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1960-61.
- Full Tuition Academic Departmental Scholarship, USD, Vermillion, South Dakota, 1960-61.
- NDEA Fellowship, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, Summer, 1966.

Grants:

- Researcher, NEH Grant, Cross-Cultural Ethnic Study Center, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1974.
- Researcher, HEW, St. Louis, Missouri, 1975-76.

Awards and Recognition:

- Honoree, Salute to Women in Office, El Paso Women's Employment & Education, El Paso, Texas, March 29, 1985.
- Certificate of Appreciation, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, June, 1985.
- Certificate of Appreciation, Young Women's Christian Association, El Paso, Texas, March 18, 1986.
- Certificate of Appreciation, El Paso County Democratic Party, El Paso, Texas, April 26, 1990.
- Certificate of Recognition, Pasodale K-8 School, Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, Texas, May, 1990.
- Certificate of Recognition, Ysleta Teachers Association, El Paso, Texas, May, 1990.
- Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree, Future Farmers of America, El Paso, Texas, May, 1990.
- Certificate of Appreciation, El Paso County Council for Social Studies, March, 1991.
- Certificate of Appreciation, Templo La Hermosa, El Paso, Texas, April 26, 1992.
- Recognized in El Paso Times series "Empowered Hispanas", Section C-2, October 23, 1992.

Organizations and Offices:

- Chi Omega Sorority
- Mexican American Educators Association, Westside Representative, Merced County, California, 1964-70.
- AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese), 1970-1980.
- AAUP (American Association of University Professors), 1970-1980; 1991-present.
- NEA (National Education Association), 1970-1980; 1987-present.
- TEA (Texas Education Association), 1970-1980; 1987-present.
- Mesa Directiva, Alternate Faculty Representative, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1971-72.
- Mesa Directiva, Faculty Representative, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972-75.
- TESOL, Chairman of the Committee on Sociopolitical Concerns of Minority Groups for the Texas Affiliate, 1972-74.
- Consultant, Las Mujeres Communications Consultants, Seal Beach, California, appointed 1972.
- Organizer and Sponsor, Baile Folklo'rico, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972.
- Faculty Advisor for MECHA, UTEP, 1972-1976.

- Member, International Task Force for Women, Washington, D.C., 1973.
- Research Associate, Cross-Cultural Southwest Ethnic Study Center, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1973-80.
- Faculty Advisor for Mortar Board (Senior Women's Honorary Society), UTEP, El Paso, Texas. Sophomore Advisor, 1975-76; Junior Advisor, 1976-77; Senior Advisor, 1977-78.
- Consultant in Folklore, Project Bravo Bilingual/Multicultural Education Program, Summer, 1979.
- Member, Association of Borderlands Scholars, 1976-80.
- Member, LASSO, 1974-80.
- Member, LACUS, 1976-80.
- Member, Border Studies Coordinating Committee, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1975-77.
- Member, Graduate Faculty, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1975-80.
- Member, Mexican American/Jewish American Association, El Paso, Texas, 1984-present; President, Spring 1991-Fall 1993.
- Member, Texas Rural Health Association, 1984-present.
- Member, El Paso Women's Political Caucus, 1981-present.
- Member, El Paso Planned Parenthood, 1981-present.
- Member, El Paso Commission for Women, 1985-present.
- Member, WISE, 1989-present.
- Member, El Paso Community College Faculty Association, 1989-present.
- Member, American Translators Association, 1989-present.
- Member, TEX-TESOL, 1990-present.
- Member, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, 1992-present.
- Member, TACHE (TX Assoc. of Chicanos in Higher Ed.), 1992-present.
- Member, EPACHE (El Paso Assoc. of TACHE), 1992-present.
- Member, EPCC Faculty Senate, Representative at Large, 1992-present.

Other Community/Educational Service:

- Presenter, Career Day, Ysleta High School, El Paso, Texas, May, 1989.
- Presenter, Career Day, Ysleta High School, El Paso, Texas, May, 1990.
- Member, Drug Free Schools Committee, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, 1990-1991.
- Member, Ysleta High School Campus Educational Improvement Council, El Paso, Texas, January, 1991-96.
- Judge, Ysleta Independent School District Speech Competition, El Paso, Texas, March, 1991.
- Moderator, Young Scholar's Bowl, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, April, 1991.
- Presenter, Career Day, Parkland High School, El Paso, Texas, May, 1991.
- Participant, On-site visit, Capital Consulting Corporation, EPCC, El Paso, Texas, November, 1991.
- Judge, Ysleta Independent School District Speech Competition, El Paso, Texas, March, 1992.
- Reader, Carl D. Perkins Discretionary Grant Program, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin, Texas, May, 1991; 1992; 1993.
- Participant, Closing Celebration of "Chicano Art: Resistance and Affirmation, 1965-1985." El Paso Museum of Art, October 24, 1992.
- Member, NIF (National Issues Forum) Planning Committee, El Paso, Texas, 1993-present.
- Participant, NIF (National Issues Forum) National Training Video, 1993.
- Moderator, NIF (National Issues Forum) Town Hall Meetings and Ch.13 broadcasts, September, October, November, 1993.
- Participant, Unite El Paso Community Summit, September 17-19, 1993.

Conferences:

- Panelist, The Human Resources and Leadership Conference for Migrants, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, Austin, Texas, March 9-11, 1973.
- Consultant and Evaluator of the Chicano Studies Program at New Mexico Highlands University, a report for the Title III Conditions of Grants Awards, Las Vegas, New Mexico, May 19, 1973.
- Panelist, Conference on Chicano Studies, National Concilio for Chicano Studies (Boulder, Colorado), New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, April 7-11, 1974.
- Representative, The National Caucus of the Association of Chicano Social Scientists, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, May 18-20, 1974.
- Participant, First National Exploratory Conference on Chicano Sociolinguistics, Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 6-8, 1974.
- Consultant, Workshop to Develop Chicano Studies, Western New Mexico University, Silver City, November 14-15, 1974.
- Panel Leader, Workshop on Minority Families, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, March 18-20, 1976.
- Consultant, Workshop on Minority Families, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, May 13-15, 1976.
- Registration Committee, First El Paso Mexican American/Jewish Amistad Conference, El Paso, Texas, March 16 & 17, 1985.
- Presenter, Lower Valley Town Meeting, Texas House of Representatives, February 28, 1991.

Lectures:

- "But Not Far Enough: Advancements of the Chicana in American Society," American G.I. Forum Convention, El Paso, Texas, January 31, 1976.
- "The Role of the Chicana in the Labor Movement," Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy (Amalgamated Clothing Workers), El Paso, Texas, February, 1976.
- "The Chicano in 1976," Unitarian Church, El Paso, Texas, February 8, 1976.
- "The Contributions of the Hispano in the Southwest: A Bicentennial Perspective," White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, September 16, 1976.
- "Texas Perspectives," National Symposium of Mexican American Engineering Society, California State University at Fullerton, January 18, 1977.
- "Cultural Considerations: Curanderismo," Symposia No. 12, The Society for Professionals in Aging, El Paso, Texas, August 23, 1978.
- "Folklore in the Classroom," El Paso County Head Start Conference on Bilingual/Multicultural Education, El Paso, Texas, March 8, 1979.
- "The Use of Folklore in Teaching Second Languages," Foreign Language Inservice Activities, Ysleta Independent School District, El Paso, Texas, August 30, 1979.
- "Curandismo: A Holistic Approach With Cultural Considerations," Workshop, School of Nursing, El Paso, Texas, 1981.
- "Curandismo: A Holistic Approach in Cultural Medicine," Cultural Awareness Workshop, Department of Veterans Affairs, Outpatient Clinic, El Paso, Texas, September, 1981.

- "Curandismo: Cultural Considerations in the Schools," Inservice Activities, Region XIX, El Paso, Texas, 1982.
- "Folkloric Considerations in Understanding the Hispanic," White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, September, 1983.
- "Strategies in the Delivery of Health and Human Services," West Texas Rural Health Conference, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, El Paso, Texas, June 6-7, 1985.
- "Curandismo: A Viable Approach in Hispanic Health Care," Hispanic Heritage Month, Department of Veterans Affairs, Outpatient Clinic, El Paso, Texas, October 9, 1990.
- "The History of Curandismo in the El Paso, Texas, Area," El Paso County Council for Social Studies, March 11, 1991.
- "Curanderismo: Hispanic Herbal Medicine," Texas Public Health Association 66th Annual Meeting, March 18, 1991.
- "Curandismo: Still a Viable Approach in Hispanic Health Care," National Hispanic Heritage Month, Department of Veterans Affairs, Outpatient Clinic, El Paso, Texas, September 24, 1991.
- "Abuelita Was a Smart Woman," Hispanic Women's Network of Texas State Conference, El Paso, Texas, October 12, 1991.
- "A Personal Odyssey: Revelations in the Attic," Voyages to Freedom: 500 Years of Jewish Life in Latin America and the Caribbean, Opening Reception of Exhibition sponsored by the El Paso Committee of the Anti-Defamation League, UTEP Library, El Paso, Texas, July 8, 1992.

Publications:

- "Lexical Usage of and Attitude Toward Southwest Spanish in the Ysleta, Texas, Area," Hispania, June, 1973.
- "Lexical Usage of and Attitude Toward Southwest Spanish in the Ysleta, Texas, Area," Problems in Applied Educational Sociolinguistics: Readings on Language and Culture Problems of the U.S. Ethnic Groups, Glenn Gilbert, editor, Newbury House, 1973.
- "A Survey of Chicano Culture for Inclusion as an Independent Unit in College Social Science and Liberal Arts Courses," The Cross-Cultural Southwest Ethnic Study Center, UTEP, El Paso, Texas, 1972.
- "Cultural Heritage of the Chicano," Chicano Perspectives: Essays on the Cultural Arts, Mitla, 1973.
- "Chicano Studies: A Diverse Education," Nosotros, May, 1973.
- "Socio-Cultural Aspects of the Chicano Dialect," Southwest Areal Linguistics, Institute for Cultural Pluralism, San Diego State University, April, 1974.
- Uniform Format Grammar of Modern Israeli Hebrew: A Field Study. Universidad Auto'noma de Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Me'xico, 1975.
- "The Chicano Family," Serving the Needs of Children in Their Own Homes, HEW, Fall, 1976.
- "Toward a Functional Definition of Language Dominance," with Charles Elerick, Readings in Spanish-English Contrastive Linguistics, 1979.
- "Lexical Usage and Attitudes Toward Southwest Spanish in the Ysleta, Texas, Area," Problems in Applied Educational Sociolinguistics: Readings on Language and Culture Problems of United States Ethnic Groups. Janua Linguarum, Series Minor 162. Glenn G. Gilbert and Jacob Ornstein, eds. The Hague: Mouton Publishers, 1978, pp. 43-53.

Current Research and Pending Publications:

- "A Spanish Thesaurus."
- "Linguistic and Cultural Diversification as Factors Contributing to the 'Generation Gap' Among Mexican Americans."
- "Analysis of Some Middle- and Upper-Class Mexican American Alienation from the Chicano Movement."
- "The Need for the Knowledge of Foreign Languages - An Overview of U.S. Concern."
- "Yerbas: The Ways of the Folk." Cataloging various herbs for medicinal purposes for later publication.
- "Anthropological Analysis of the Folk Legend, 'La Llorona'."
- "Compilation, Translation and Analysis of Chicano Protest Songs of the 60's and 70's."

Revised Spring, 1998

(Added note on 11-29-05:

- Member, El Paso Public Library Association.
- Elected EPCC President of Faculty Association and Senate in Spring, 2000; now serving 1st year of third term.
- Organized Save The Valley 21 Neighborhood Association and elected President in Spring, 2005.)