

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)**

DEPARTMENT: Community and Human Development

AGENDA DATE: December 23, 2008

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: William Lilly, Director, 541-4643

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

This item relates to the City's reappointment to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center (EPMHMRC). Council is asked to consider the reappointment of a current member whose term will expire on December 31, 2008.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

This item involves the reappointment of Mr. Xavier Bañales to the El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center. Mr. Banales was first appointed on October 17, 2006 to fill a vacant term, which then expired on December 31, 2006. He was then reappointed in February 2007 to serve his first full term. If reappointed, Trustee will serve his second full two-year term, which will expire on December 31, 2010.

The following recommendation is submitted to the City Council:

- That Mr. Xavier Bañales be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso MHMR Center to a full term expiring December 31, 2010 for the position designated to be held by a professional.

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____
(Example: if RCA is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO MHMR BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND INFORMATION REGARDING MR. XAVIER BAÑALES

The Interlocal Agreement that established the El Paso MHMR Center states certain criteria for selection of the board members. All board members and their spouses cannot own or control any interest in a business entity or organization that will receive funds from the Center. Additionally, they cannot work for or receive goods or funds from such an organization in an amount greater than 10% of its funding, unless the board member is a consumer of MH/MR services. By law, the Board members must be qualified voters in El Paso County and residents of El Paso County. State law also requires that the Board appointments must reflect the ethnic and geographic diversity of the service area, which is El Paso County.

Appointment to the Board of Trustees requires a certain selection process requiring the submission of applications and a review and recommendation from an administrative screening committee. However, current, eligible board members may be reappointed without repeating this process.

MR. XAVIER BAÑALES

Background: Mr. Bañales serves as Executive Director of LULAC Project Amistad. He has thirty years experience in not-for-profit management. Mr. Bañales headed the Juvenile Probation Department for the County of El Paso for five years. He has served a total of twenty-four years in high administration positions with Girl Scouts organizations in El Paso, San Antonio and San Francisco, CA. Mr. Bañales has a Bachelor's degree in History and Master's degree in Education, both from UTEP. He has or is presently serving on eight local and statewide non-for-profit and governmental boards of directors.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

That Mr. Xavier Bañales be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the El Paso MHMR Center to a full term expiring December 31, 2010 for the position designated to be held by a professional.

Dated this 23rd day of December 2008.

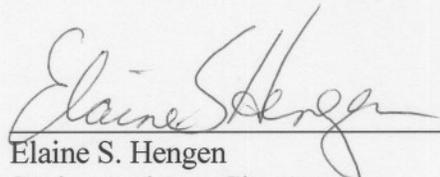
CITY OF EL PASO

John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney