

DATE: 02-10-2010

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor John Cook

ADDRESS 2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas 79901 TELEPHONE 915-541-4145

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of February 23, 2010

Item should read as follows: Re-appointment of Kathleen Campbell Walker to the Committee on Border Relations by Mayor John F. Cook.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Ms. Walker was filling an unexpired term.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Committee on Border Relations

NOMINATED BY: Mayor John F. Cook DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE Kathleen Campbell Walker
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 221 N. Kansas, Ste. 200

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79901 PHONE: 915-545-4716

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Kathleen Campbell Walker

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 02/28/2010

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 02/23/2010

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 02/28/2011

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1st TERM: X

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____



**KATHLEEN CAMPBELL
WALKER**
Partner

AV



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Legal Experience

Ms. Walker's practice primarily involves the areas of immigration, cross-border transactions and customs. Her immigration law practice primarily focuses on business and family based immigration, consular processing, employer sanctions, citizenship and naturalization, security checks, and admission issues. She has frequently provided testimony before Congress as well as the Texas House and Senate, has practiced on the border in El Paso for over 20 years. Her clients include hospitals and other health care providers, major global manufacturing companies, real estate and finance firms, investors, performing artists, families, and individuals.

Ms. Walker is the immediate past president of the American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA"), and is board certified in Immigration and Nationality Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She was selected to serve on the Council of Foreign Relations Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration policy and has been chosen as one of the thirty women recognized in the "Extraordinary Women in Texas Law" publication of *Texas Lawyer*, 2008. In 2007, she was named as one of five "Go-To" lawyers in Texas in the area of immigration law by the *Texas Lawyer*. That same year she was also chosen as one of the Top 50 women lawyers in the state as well as among the Top 50 lawyers in the Central and West Texas region by the *Texas Monthly's* Super Lawyer edition. She has been listed in the *Best Lawyers in America* regarding immigration and nationality law since the category was included in the publication. In addition, she is listed in both the *Chambers USA* (Band One) and *Global* publications. In 2008, she is the only attorney from Texas recognized as one of seventeen most highly regarded lawyers globally in the International Who's Who of Corporate Immigration Lawyers publication.

Congressional Testimony – State and Federal

Testified before the Texas State Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade (IRT) regarding Pushing the Envelope on Immigration Regulation at the State and Local level; How Far are we Willing to go From an Economic, Moral, Constitutional, and Security Perspective – Austin, TX, September 2008

Testified at the Congressional Hearing held by the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security and the Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade – regarding federal perceptions as to U.S. immigration law and enforcement measures as to civil and criminal immigration law – El Paso, Texas, July 2008

Testified before the Texas Border Security Task Force (TBSTF), Mexican American Legislative Caucus – Texas House of Representatives regarding Texas Border Security – El Paso, Texas, March 2008

Study of Immigration and Nationality Act Section 287(g) Agreements:: Before the House Committee on

State Affairs:: Austin, Texas, April 21, 1008

Policies and Procedures Related to Illegal Immigration and Border Security of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, County Probation Departments, and Local and County Jail Facilities and Recommendations to Improve Coordination with International, Federal, State, and Local Authorities :: Before The House Committee on Corrections and The House Committee on County Affairs :: Dallas, Texas, February 1, 2008

Ensuring Homeland Security While Facilitating Legitimate Travel: The Challenge at America's Ports of Entry :: Before the Committee on Homeland Security U.S. House of Representatives :: El Paso, Texas, January 3, 2008

Texas State Legislative Proposals regarding Immigration and Border Security :: Before the U.S. House of Representatives of Texas House State Affairs and Border and International Affairs Committee :: Austin, Texas, March 28, 2007

Should Mexico Hold Veto Power Over U.S. Border Security Decisions :: Before the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee :: El Paso, Texas, August 17, 2006

Securing the Vote :: Before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on House Administration Committee Field Hearing :: Las Cruces, New Mexico, August 3, 2006

Strengthening Border Security between the Ports of Entry: The Use of Technology to Protect the Borders :: Before the Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship Subcommittee and the Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee :: Washington, D.C. , April 28, 2005

Integrity and Security at the Border: The US VISIT Program :: Before the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security :: Washington, D.C. , January 28, 2004

Immigration Reform and the Reorganization of Homeland Defense :: Before the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee:: Washington, D.C., June 26, 2002

Education

- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Texas School of Law, 1985
- Bachelor of Arts, *highest honors*, Texas Tech University, 1982

Professional Licenses

- Attorney at Law, Texas, 1985
- Board Certified since 1998, Immigration and Nationality Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Court Admissions

- ☐ United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- ☐ U.S. Court of International Trade
- ☐ U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- ☐ U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- ☐ U.S. Supreme Court

Prior Professional Experience

- Kemp Smith, Partner, 1992 – 2008
- Ginnings, Birkelbach et al. PC, 1985-1992

Speeches and Publications

- *The New Bling in Health Care Employment*, Healthcare Seminar sponsored by Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. regarding Immigration Issues Affecting Health Care , Austin, TX, October 2008, Speaker
- 2008 American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Fall CLE Conference regarding Getting In: Inadmissibility, Waivers and Relief for Business, Family and Entry Cases – Savannah, , September 2008, Speaker
- 2008 Construction Law Conference regarding Workplace Compliance Immigration Issues on the Construction Site, Houston, TX, September 2008, Speaker (conference cancelled due to hurricane)
- Texas/New Mexico Customs Brokers Association Conference regarding Facilitating Legitimate Travel at Our Ports of Entry, El Paso, Texas, September 2008, Speaker
- U.S. Immigration Law Update live webcast regarding "Hot Topics" – Administrative Issues, State and Local Initiatives, Federal Preemption, CIS issues, Unauthorized Practice of Immigration law, and Maintaining Status sponsored by the State Bar of Texas , Austin, TX, August 2008, Speaker
- National Conference of State Legislatures ("NCSL") regarding constitutional questions related to state and local law enforcement of Federal immigration law, New Orleans, LA, July 2008, Speaker
- Immigration Law and Employer Compliance Conference hosted by Lorman Education Services regarding Immigration Corporate Compliance Programs in the New Criminal Enforcement Era, El Paso, Texas, July 2008, Speaker
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") 2008 Annual Conference on Immigration Law regarding Localization of Immigration Law, Vancouver, Canada, June 2008, Speaker
- Board of Directors of Annunciation House regarding the present environment, vis a vis the immigration issue, El Paso, TX, May 2008, Speaker
- Spring Legislative Trip with the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce ("GEPCC") – Washington, D.C., March 2008, Contributor
- The National Federation of Independent Business & The El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 2008 State of Small Business Conference, regarding new I-9 form and compliance issues, El Paso, TX, March 2008, Keynote Speaker
- Midwest Regional American Immigration Lawyers Association Conference, Chicago, IL, March 2008, Speaker
- Northwest Regional AILA CLE Conference, Seattle, WA, February, 2008, Speaker regarding Nonimmigrant and Immigrant Visa Waivers
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Colorado Chapter Conference, Denver, CO, February 2008, Speaker regarding State and Local Immigration Legislation
- Associated General Contractor of El Paso Conference, El Paso, TX, December 2007, Speaker regarding Worksite Enforcement
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") 2007 Worksite Enforcement Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, November 2007, Speaker regarding Worksite Enforcement Trends
- ALI-American Bar Association Teleseminar and Audio Website, November 2007, Speaker regarding Worksite Enforcement developments
- International Bar Association Global Immigration Conference, London, England, November 2007, Speaker regarding U.S. Immigration Law Developments
- 2007 American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") California Chapter Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2007, Speaker Regarding Immigration Legislative Update

- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") MidSouth Fall Chapter, Louisville, KY, November 2007, Speaker regarding Immigration Legislative Developments
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Fundamentals Conference, Boston, MA, October 2007, Speaker regarding Immigration Legislative Developments
- State Bar of Texas Immigration Web Cast, Austin, TX, October 2007, Speaker regarding Immigration Law Update
- University of Texas Immigration Law Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 2007, Speaker regarding Immigration Legislative Developments
- Practicing Law Institute ("PLI") 40th Annual Immigration and Naturalization Institute, New York, NY, October 2007, Speaker regarding Consular Processing Developments
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Web Conference, October 2007, Speaker regarding *Advanced Issues in Adjustment of Status vs. Consular Processing*
- State Bar of Texas Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, June 2007, Employment and Immigration Panel Speaker
- *Unlawful Presence and Immigrant Visas*, 2007 American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, June 2007, Discussion Leader in the Masters Track
- *America Inspects: Don't Leave Home Without What? A Study in CBP Processes*, American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Teleconference, May 2007, Speaker
- American Immigration Lawyers Association ("AILA") Texas Chapter Spring Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2007, Speaker regarding Consular Processing
- AILA Visa Processing Guide, March 2007, Contributing Author
- 2007 AILA Midyear Conference – All The Things You "Know" But Can't Find In The Regulations, San Jose, Costa Rica, January 2007, Speaker
- 2007 AILA Midyear Conference – All The Things You "Know" But Can't Find In The Regulations, San Jose, Costa Rica, January 2007, Speaker

Recent Newspaper articles

"ICE Enlists Companies to Stem Illegal Hirings: Firms sign on for self-policing; critics wonder if it could be a trap," Houston Chronicle, 9 September 2008.

"Nearly 600 Were Arrested in Factory Raid, Officials Say," The New York Times, 27 August 2008.

"Interrupted plans After losing legal status, family is hoping to stay," Desert News, 16 July 2008.

"More Illegal Crossings Are Criminal Cases, Group Says," The New York Times, 18 June 2008.

"Hinojosa, AILA, Criticize Border Patrol Involvement in Valley Hurricane Evacuation," Rio Grande Guardian, 17 May 2008.

"Facing deportation, man now says he's American," San Antonio Express-News, 26 February 2008.

"Bridge Lanes: Hire More CBP Officers," El Paso Times, 4 January 2008.

"Security at Ports of Entry," Congressional Testimony by CQ Transcriptions, 3 January 2008.

"House Homeland Committee Told Ports Understaffed, Overloaded," Associated Press Newswires, 3 January 2008.

"Bring Your Passport: New Rule Starts February 1," El Paso Inc., 1 January 2008.

"El Pasoan of the Year Candidates," El Paso Inc., 23 December 2007.

"Proposal Would Force Legal Residents to Replace Green Cards: New ID Could Cost as much as \$290 if Approved," Brownsville Herald, 11 December 2007.

"ICE Chief's Effort's Praised and Panned," The Kansas City Star, 24 November 2007.

"Illegal Immigration Crackdown / Zero Tolerance, Major Impact / End of 'Catch and Release' on Border Strains Courts and Jails, but Proponents Applaud Effort," Houston Chronicle, 20 November 2007.

"El Paso Won't Prosecute Migrants," El Paso Times, 25 October 2007.

"Detaining Immigrants: We Still Have a Constitution," The New York Times, 21 October 2007.

"Deported Ex-Convicts Fight to Return to U.S. : Legal U.S. Residents Deported After Crime Convictions are Taking Washington to Task," The Miami Herald, 9 October 2007.

"Show Stopper : Immigration Effects on Regional Mexican Events," Billboard, 6 October 2007.

"Plan Puts Police at Border to Catch Car Thieves," El Paso Times, 3 October 2007.

"Border Security Council Considers Southbound Checks," El Paso Times, 3 October 2007.

"Concert Business Feels Immigration Pinch," Reuters News, 1 October 2007.

"Residents in N.M. town accuse sheriff of illegal raids," Dallas Morning News, 28 September 2007.

"Hot Class: Immigrant Catching," The Daily Journal, 3 September 2007.

"Border Crackdown Has El Paso Caught in Middle," El Paso Times, 21 August 2007.

"Border Crackdown Has El Paso Caught in the Middle," The Washington Post, 21 August 2007.

"Bush Moves to Step Up Immigration Enforcement," The Washington Post, 11 August 2007.

"Immigration Reform Advocates Say Foster Programs Encourage Fraud," Austin American Statesman, 22 July 2007.

"Foster Program for Immigrants Criticized," Associated Press Online, 22 July 2007.

"Foster Program for Immigrants Criticized," AOL News, 21 July 2007.

"Immigrant Youth Sponsored," Baltimore Sun, 22 July 2007.

"Foster Program for Immigrants Criticized," AOL News, 21 July 2007.

"Ban Could Deny Illegal Immigrants Services," Los Angeles Times, 14 July 2007.

"Questions Remain On Illegal Immigrants," Washington Post, 12 July 2007.

"Visa Riles Change, Halting a Mad Rush," The Journal News, 9 July 2007.

Leah Rae, "Visa Rules Change, Halting a Mad Rush," The Journal Press, 9 July 2007

"Visa Delay in the Land of the Fee," Palm Beach Post, 8 July 2007.

"Immigration Lawyers Threaten Suit Over Visa Snafu," eWeek, 6 July 2007

"Outcry Ensues as U.S. Pulls Offer of Job-based Visas", The International Herald Tribune, 5 July 2007.

"Residency Rules May Tighten in Pr. William," Washington Post, 6 July 2007.

"Reversal Frustrates Green-Card Applicants," The Wall Street Journal, 5 July 2007.

"U.S. Withdraws Offer of 60,000 Job-Based Visas, Angering Immigration Lawyers," New York Times, 4 July 2007.

"States May Take Up Immigration Fight, Results Could range From Harsh Penalties to 'Sanctuary Cities'," Pittsburg Post-Gazette, 30 June 2007.

"States, localities may take up immigration battle," McClatchy Newspapers. 29 June 2007.

Professional Memberships and Activities

- ☐ Council on Foreign Relations
 - Independent Task Force on U.S. Immigration Policy
- ☐ American Immigration Lawyers Association
- ☐ State Bar of Texas
- ☐ American Bar Association
- ☐ El Paso Women's Bar Association
- ☐ El Paso Bar Association
- ☐ International Bar Association
- ☐ Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce – Counsel
- ☐ La Secretaria de Relaciones Exteriores – El Paso Mexican Consulate – Consultant
- ☐ West Texas Advisory Group – U.S. Customs and Border Protection – El Paso Field Office