

DATE: March 11, 2015

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Lily Limón

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell TELEPHONE 915-212-0007

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Jaime Esparza to the Hispanic Cultural Center Subcommittee

**BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM**

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Hispanic Cultural Center Subcommittee

NOMINATED BY: Representative Lily Limón DISTRICT: 7

NAME OF APPOINTEE Jaime Esparza  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: TX ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE HAVE A RELATIVE WORKING FOR THE CITY? YES: \_\_\_ NO X**

**IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, CITY POSITION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTEE:**

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: None

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: None

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: March 17, 2015

**TERM BEGINS ON :** March 17, 2015

**EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE:** December 31, 2015

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1<sup>st</sup> TERM: X

2<sup>nd</sup> TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

UNEXPIRED TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

Jaime Esparza  
District Attorney



Jaime Esparza, District Attorney for the 34th Judicial District, is now serving his sixth term for El Paso, Culberson, and Hudspeth Counties.

About to begin his 19<sup>th</sup> year in office, Jaime Esparza was recognized by the State Bar of Texas as the *2005-2006 Prosecutor of the Year*. The award, given annually to one prosecutor statewide, is recognized as one of the highest honors a prosecutor in the State of Texas may receive.

Mr. Esparza will tell you that one of the most important functions of his office is the service provided to more than 21,000 victims of crime each year through the Victims Assistance Program. Today, more than ever, his office collaborates at every level on victims' issues and works to provide outreach, especially in cases involving domestic abuse and violence within the family unit. The Domestic Violence 24-hour project enables prosecutors and investigators to evaluate cases in real time and offer immediate contact, primarily to women and their children, within 24 hours of the defendant's arrest. In September 2013, the Foundation for Improvement of Justice selected Mr. Esparza as the Paul H. Chapman Award Winner, a national honor, for his Domestic Violence 24-Hour Contact program. Every year, Mr. Esparza hosts the "Victims Rights Conference: Help, Hope, Healing" to provide tangible assistance to crime victims and inform them of their rights in the criminal-justice system. In addition, Jaime Esparza serves as the At-Large Director for the Board of Directors and is the Chair of Public Policy Committee with the Texas Council on Family Violence.

Throughout his tenure, Jaime Esparza has demonstrated a commitment to address criminal-justice issues unique to the Southwest border region and serves as the Project Director for the Border Prosecution Unit. In an effort spearheaded by Mr. Esparza, counties along the Southwest border, from Texas to California, continue a successful partnership with the Federal Government, through the Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative, to handle the influx of illegal drugs entering the country at the international ports of entry. Most recently, District Attorney Esparza has dedicated significant resources by establishing a Foreign Prosecution Unit in his office to pursue criminals who have fled to the Republic of Mexico in order to evade justice for crimes committed in the United States. Through ongoing diplomatic and collaborative efforts, by authorities on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border, fugitives are being located, apprehended, and held accountable for their crimes.

Mr. Esparza was licensed to practice law in 1983 and is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He served as a prosecutor for the Harris County District Attorney's Office for four years before returning to El Paso to serve as an Assistant District Attorney and Public Defender for the County of El Paso until he was elected to office in November 1992.

Jaime Esparza was born and raised in El Paso. He is a 1979 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and in 1983, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center.