

DATE: June 3, 2014

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Representative Lily Limón

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

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of June 3, 2014

Appointment of Kenneth Gorski to Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board by City

Item should read as follows: Representative Lily Limón, District 7

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Museums and Cultural Affairs Advisory Board

NOMINATED BY: Representative Lily Limón DISTRICT: 7

NAME OF APPOINTEE Kenneth Gorski  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: kgorski@yahoo.com

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

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79912 PHONE: 915-584-2474

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

CITY: El Paso ST: TX ZIP: 79902 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: Vacant

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: N/A

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: June 3, 2014

TERM BEGINS ON : June 3, 2014

TERMINATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: October 1, 2018

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

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

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

kengorski,aia cnu

kenneth "ken" gorski, architecture-interiors

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ph 915.584.2474 cell 9

Lily Limón, Representative District 7  
City Hall  
City of El Paso, Texas

re: request of consideration of appointment to Museum and Cultural Affairs  
Department  
City of El Paso

Dear Ms. Limon,

First I want to thank you for the post you placed on fb, regarding the awards ceremony last Friday for El Paso Community College Faculty Achievement Award and for your personally attending. Secondly, it was just great to see you once again and renew some old acquaintances that we have in common.

Regarding my letter and attached resume, I had served as a member of the Public Arts Commission for two terms which ended in 2013. During that time I developed a tremendous passion and love for the city of El Paso, and the diversity which we have within our community. When I inquired as to what positions might be opening soon in a similar venue as PAC arts comm., I was told by the MCAD office that there was in fact a seat available for appointment by you for the seventh district. Having spent the last thirteen years as a coordinator and professor of architecture with the Valle Verde campus EPCC and having been involved in securing a four year architecture program for the El Paso area thereby enabling our students to remain in El Paso to complete an architectural education. Here they could accomplish that goal within our own community. It has been as a result of those years of working with our students, the community, the arts and and local professional organizations that I wanted to further my involvement in El Paso by seeking an appointment to MCAD Board.

The attached resume is someone general in that over the years I have been fortunate enough to have been able to be affiliated not only with the arts, music, culture events and governmental forums to know that those years of experience would be most beneficial to having a position with MCAD. Lily, I thank you for your consideration, and am sincerely, ken



# kengorski,aia cnu

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*professional resume:may15,2014*

**Licensed Architect – State of Texas No. 6477**

**Member Congress for New Urbanism, Urbanist member cnu**

**Professor of Architecture –Tenured - El Paso Community College**

**Architecture District Wide Discipline Coordinator – El Paso Community College**

**Adjunct Prof. of Architecture – Texas Tech Univ. College of Architecture – El Paso**

**Memberships and supporter: National - El Paso - Regional Associations:**

- Architectural Design Review Committee - City of El Paso
- American Institute of Architects
- Texas Society of Architects
- El Paso, Texas Chapter of the AIA
- ASTA American Society of Travel Agents
- Member AIA150 El Paso Chapter
- El Paso Solar Energy Association Member
- Member Architects without Borders
- Member Builders without Borders
- Architecture for Humanity
- PTA board president (2 yrs) Texas PTA (Morehead School)
- Member City of El Paso Mayor's Architect-Engineer Selection Committee
- AKA Green architecture
- Member El Paso Museum of Art Sponsors Circle
- Member El Paso Public Arts Commission (PAC)
- Supporter El Paso Opera
- Supporter El Paso Symphony
- Supporting Member El Paso Insights Museum
- Member Concordia Cemetery Association
- Member El Paso Tom Lea Society
- VIP – Music Under the Stars, Chamizal Nat'l Monument volunteer
- E.F. Tours, coordinator "Greek & Italian Arts Tour," Summer 2011, 2012
- Member El Paso "Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board"
- Member Tom Lea Society
- Member Trost Historical Society El Paso
- Member City of El Paso Architectural Design Review Board
- Member Franklin Mountains Wilderness Assn.
- Founding Member CCCAP Oct. 2012 -14"Coalition of Community Colleges

**of Architecture Programs” US – Washington, DC**

- **Member, Texas Community Colleges-Building Programs for Architect Education BPAE Spring 2008-2014 Tarrant County, Austin, Tx**
- **UTEP Annual Floral Fest volunteer, courses master gardener program**

**educational background:** Professional – Profess. Degree BArch -University of Kansas 1972

- Continuing Education: University of Wisconsin, UTEP
- Educational Architectural studies in Europe, Africa, Mexico and South America.
- Spanish Language immersion courses in Zacatecas, Mexico – summer 2002, & 2004, Morelia 2005, Oaxaca 2008, and Mexico City, Mex, winters 2006-2010.
- continuing education courses - architecture registration laws, sponsored by requirements of the American Institute of Architects.
- Winter art studies Jan. 2010-Oaxaca Mexico.
- Faculty sponsor Australian Architecture Student studies-Turkey – Summer 2011
- Recipient-Sabbatical Studies in E. Asia and Middle East – Fall 2011 EPCC
- Faculty sponsor European Architectural Studies – Summer 2012
- **Wiley Publication review** “ Architectural History from a Global Perspective” & “Becoming Green: Integrating Sustainability into Art and Architectural Design”

### **Professional**

**qualifications:** 26 years of Academic college teaching experience in architecture, interior design, art and art history. Guest lecturer on subject of Architectural history. Professional experience in all phases of Architecture, consulting and construction; private firms in Kansas City, Mo.; experience with El Paso architectural firms.

- Fouts Langford Gomez Moore, Architects
- Pellati Assoc. Architects - Project Architect.
- Private Architectural Practice
- Contributor *Casas por Cristo*, Cd Juarez, Mx
- **Project manager** - 2 yrs, El Paso in the private construction sector
- **Private Architectural Practice.**
- **Architecture District Coordinator EPCC, & Professor of Architecture**
- **Recipient of Minnie Piper Stevens Professorship Award, EPCC Tx 2013-14**
- **Recipient of NISOD Professor Award, U T Austin, May 2014.**
- **Twenty-five** (27) years in private architectural practice - Commercial and multi-residential design projects; professional consulting services in Texas and NM

**adjunct faculty**-Engineering Design Graphics; Civil Engineering Dept., University of Texas El Paso

**adjunct Prof. of Architecture, Texas Tech University – College of Architecture – El Paso**  
**guest lecturer - Beijing Architecture College** during academic sabbatical Fall 2011

**adjunct Faculty - University of Texas El Paso.** Engineering Design Graphics; Civil Engineering, Civil Engineering Dept.,

**faculty rep and co-author US Dept of Energy Solar Decathlon** competition finalist joint venture epcc architecture students/utep dept. of engineering SD2013, Calif.

**university of texas at el paso**, numerous design and architecturally related "Continuing Education" courses for the University of Texas at El Paso. Interior design courses for Southwest Institute, licensed Interior Designer, Texas. (relinquished ID license in 2002.)

**internship program - Mentoring** – developed an internship work program with local architectural firms for El Paso architecture students while attending school, and during the summers months. Mentoring El Paso architecture graduates into the cultural and social programs offered by Texas architecture universities.

**litigation:** Expert Witness: Cases involving construction documents, errors and omissions and techniques utilized by contractors; endangering the integrity of the project design and consumer safety.

**established** a joint articulation agreement between Texas Tech University and El Paso Community College - implemented Aug. 2007 establishing a 4 year Bachelor of Science in Architecture Degree in El Paso \*\*

**CCCAP** in conjunction with 8 other US community colleges founding member of a Washington DC based news grass-root national association as a consortium of community colleges of architecture programs, acronym CCCAP in conjunction with National Archit. Accredited Board. **Fall 2012**

**sponsorship** – Faculty representative for US Secretary of Energy – Solar Decathlon Competition 2013 in joint program with UTEP College of Engineering and EPCC Architecture Discipline. (one of only 20 colleges from around the world.) Awarded Oct. 2012

**sponsorship** - inter-collegiate soccer league for the architecture discipline; numerous group involvement in local youth sports activities.

**architectural tour leader** – for Australian architecture students for 3 weeks in Turkey, Summer 2011

**faculty member co-author:** secure for EPCC thru dept. of education a \$5.9 million STEM grant to increase the no. of Hispanic licensed architects in Texas - awarded Sept. 2011.

**board member.** City of El Paso, former architecture-engineer selection board member, mayoral appointment; city council appointment as final evaluation panel member with planning, city engineering, 2001 to 2006.

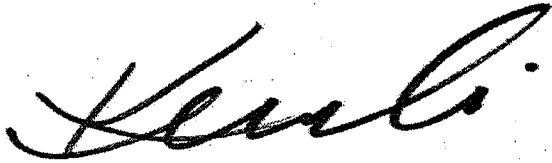
**personal ambitions** – art and architectural travel, cultural photography, symphony, sculptural graphics. Continued research in topics of architecture without architects and middle eastern-east asian architectural construction technology.

\*\*topic of the Jan/Feb issue", **Texas Architect** magazine bringing 4 yr. Bachelors of Science in Architecture program to El Paso.

***references:***

- Carina Rarimez, phd, Faculty Sen. Pres. EPCC
- Pat Dalbin, Director EP Public Arts Commission
- Mario Lewis, Attorney at Law
- Amy Parker, Tri-State Cosmetology, pres.
- Francisco "Paco" Dominguez, Atty. El Paso
- Mrs. Mary Ann Dodson, Insights Museum, Arts supporter
- David Hanscom, MD Del Sol Eastside ER
- Mervin Moore, AIA –El Paso Community College Foundation
- Katherine Brennand – CAAB and PSB
- Armenia Smith – Principal – Eastwood High School - YISD

***Respectfully submitted for your consideration, sincerely***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.