



*"At the Heart of What Drives Your World"*

September 26, 2011

Border Trade Alliance  
Board of Directors

Dear Board Members,

I would like to nominate Steve Ortega to the Board, representing the City of El Paso. Steve was recently the chair of the Advisory Committee which oversaw the development of the El Paso Port of Entry Operations Plan. He has worked closely with local public and private stakeholders to improve the flow of trade and traffic. He understands the impact of trade to the local, regional, and national economy, as well as the impact of long crossing times to the people who use the bridges regularly.

Steve is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation El Pasoan. He returned El Paso after completing his education. Steve earned a Bachelor's Degree in Government and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation, he returned to El Paso where he worked as a high school counselor. He then attended the George Washington University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where he received his Juris Doctorate degree. Steve is an attorney in private practice and an instructor of Criminal Justice and Constitutional Law and El Paso Community College.

Steve would be an excellent addition to our board and an outstanding representative for El Paso.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Neal", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kathleen Neal  
BTA Immediate Past Chair



## Foreign Trade Association, Inc.

September 24, 2011

Border Trade Alliance  
Board of Directors

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Foreign Trade Association, I would like to recommend Steve Ortega, El Paso City Council Representative (District #7) for inclusion on the BTA Board of Directors.

Our organization has worked for several years with Steve on many important border relations issues and projects. He has an excellent understanding of the U.S./Mexico border, government relations, and he is 100% committed to working with and on behalf of the many stakeholders in our region. One of his strongest points is his ability to effectively work with diverse groups with diverse interests. Steve is a respected leader who will be an active board member and a great asset to your organization.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information or recommendations.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Caviness-Tantimonaco  
FTA President  
El Paso Texas