

DATE: 11/18/2019

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Peter Svarzbein Representative of District 1

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of November 26, 2019

Re-Appointment of Chris Cummings to the City Plan Commission by Representative Peter

Item should read as follows: Svarzbein, District 1

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: City Plan Commission

NOMINATED BY: Peter Svarzbein DISTRICT: 1

NAME OF APPOINTEE Chris Cummings  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: N/A

BUSINESS ADDRESS: N/A

CITY: N/A ST: N/A ZIP: N/A PHONE: N/A

HOME ADDRESS: N/A

CITY: N/A ST: N/A ZIP: N/A 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: NONE

HAS APPOINTEE BEEN A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND DATES: NONE

**LIST ALL REAL ESTATE OWNED BY APPOINTEE IN EL PASO COUNTY (BY ADDRESS):**

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

NAME OF INCUMBENT: Chris Cummings

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 12/03/2019

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 11/26/2019

TERM BEGINS ON : 12/04/2019

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 12/03/2021

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 1<sup>st</sup> TERM: \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> TERM: X  
UNEXPIRED TERM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education:**

B.A., English, University of Texas at El Paso,  
El Paso, Texas, 1998

**Employment:**

**CIC Limited, Inc.**

El Paso, Texas  
02/2007 – Current  
Executive Vice President

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters El Paso**

El Paso, Texas  
09/2005 – 02/2007  
Director of Fundraising

**City of El Paso**

El Paso, Texas  
02/2000 – 08/2005  
Grants Coordinator/Writer

**Regarding a Reappointment to the City Planning Commission:**

I have very much enjoyed serving on the Commission as Representative Svarzbien's appointee over the course of the last 2 year period. I have learned a tremendous amount of new information about the process and role of Planning within the City Government. I hope to expand on that new knowledge over the course of another two-year appointment if I am so lucky as to receive it. I look forward to contributing to the City Planning Commission's vision for the growth of El Paso. I will continue to bring a very balanced perspective to the City Planning Commission and believe my participation will add value to this very important civic function.

**Qualifications**

I have a degree in English, with a focus in writing, from the University of Texas at El Paso. I am currently Executive Vice President of CIC Limited, Inc. a commercial real estate company. I have held the position for 11 years.

**Work Experience**

**Executive Vice President, CIC Limited, Inc.**

Manage the disposition of approximately \$14 million of assets while concurrently managing the acquisition of new property in the Southwest region (Texas, New Mexico & Colorado). Duties include identifying and negotiating sales/purchase contracts, advertising, managing properties for lease, structuring 1031 Exchanges, and managing intergovernmental negotiations.

**Chief Development Officer, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of El Paso**

Overseeing a staff of four employees, managed all grant writing and fundraising activities for the mentoring non-profit. Coordinated major fundraisers, created new partnerships, managed donor database, and formed intergovernmental partnerships.

**Grants Coordinator, City of El Paso**

Beginning as a grant writer in the office of Mayor Carlos Ramirez in 2000 (and continuing through the Mayoral offices of Ray Caballero and Joe Wardy) I wrote grants amounting to approximately \$20 million. Some highlights of those proposals were an \$8 million funding award for the El Paso Rivertrail System (a trail system along the Rio Grande that would stretch 42 miles from one end of the county to the other), a \$3.5 million award for the Plaza Theatre to help fund the Historic renovation of the building, as well as several transportation, Parks and Recreation, and Arts and Culture grants. From 2003 to 2005 I became the Grants Coordinator for the City of El Paso. From 2004-2005 I worked in the Office of the Chief of Police, managing a staff of three employees.

## **Community Engagement & Volunteer Service**

### **Cornudas Mountain Foundation**

05/2019-Present - Board Member

CMF is an organization dedicated to supporting the work of American artist James Magee in his endeavor to build The Hill, an interactive artwork on 2000-acre tract of land in far west Texas.

### **El Paso Community Foundation**

2018-Present

Preeminent El Paso area Community Foundation serving El Paso and surrounding region since 1977.

### **Artspace El Paso**

Cofounder Artspace El Paso (Roderick Artspace Lofts). A project that was launched in 2006 as an initiative to develop a sustainable artist community in downtown El Paso. Roderick Artspace Lofts was fully occupied upon completion of construction and is now a contributing driver of the cultural fabric of downtown.

### **TEDx El Paso**

2013-2016 - Cofounder of TEDx El Paso

### **The Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts**

2011-2015 - Director's Circle member of the Rubin Center

### **Border Art Residency**

2006-2009 Board Member

### **Leadership Class XXVI – Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce**

2004 Served as a leader within the class, helping to determine class projects and recruited a significant number of future leaders for the program.