

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 370.251 of the Texas Transportation Code and the City of El Paso’s Petition and Request for Authorization to Form the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority, as approved by the Texas Transportation Commission, the terms for three (3) Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority (CRRMA) Board positions expire on February 1st of each year;

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy, reappointment, or replacement, Board member nominations shall be solicited by the Mayor from City Council by written notice for a period of not less than two (2) weeks, and upon completion of this two week period, the Mayor shall review all received recommendations and those identified by the Mayor as well;

WHEREAS, the Mayor shall then make one (1) nomination for each position via presentation to the City Council at a City Council meeting and Council shall appoint a member for each open position by majority vote evidenced by City Council Resolution; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021, the Mayor notified City Council in writing of the intent to appoint Board members and also provided an opportunity for Council members to provide recommendations for nominations by February 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, recommendations were received from Council;

WHEREAS, the Mayor now nominates a candidate for appointment for CRRMA Board Position 2 in accordance with the appointment process outlined herein and presents the nomination at a City Council meeting on March 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to make an appointment for CRRMA Board Position 2 in accordance with the appointment process outlined herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the City of El Paso hereby appoints to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Silvestre Reyes for Position 2 which shall both take effect March 16, 2021 and expire on February 1, 2023.

APPROVED this 16th day of March 2021.

(Signatures on the following page)


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
City Attorney

DATE: March 11, 2021

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor Oscar Leeser

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell, 2nd Floor TELEPHONE (915) 212-0021

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of March 16, 2021

Item should read as follows: Discussion and action regarding a Resolution that the City of El Paso appoint to the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Silvestre Reyes for Position 2 whose term will expire on February 1, 2023.

BOARD COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORM

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority

NOMINATED BY: Oscar Leeser DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE Silvestre Reyes
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: chiefmcabp@gmail.com

BUSINESS ADDRESS: none

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

HOME ADDRESS: N/A

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

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:

HAS APPOINTEE BEEN A MEMBER OF OTHER CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE NAMES AND DATES: NO

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: Luis Rosas

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: 2/1/2021

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 3/16/2021

TERM BEGINS ON : 3/17/2021

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 2/1/2023

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

2nd TERM: _____

UNEXPIRED TERM: _____



The Honorable Silvestre Reyes Bio

The Honorable Silvestre Reyes was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996, becoming the first Hispanic to represent El Paso in Congress. Reyes was born and raised in the community of Canutillo in El Paso's Upper Valley. One of nine children of Rafael and Estela Reyes. Reyes has been married to his beautiful wife Carolina for 45 years. Together they have three children and six grandchildren. He is known as "Silver" by his friends and colleagues.

After serving his country in Vietnam, Reyes committed his life to public service, beginning his 26 1/2 years of service in the U.S. Border Patrol in 1969. Beginning his career as an agent, he was tapped to be the Assistant Regional Commissioner in Dallas, where he administered \$100 million in programs over a 13 state area before being promoted to Sector Chief. From 1984 to 1995, Reyes led Border Patrol efforts in McAllen and then El Paso, two of the agency's busiest and most important sectors. As a chief, he quickly became known as one of the government's strongest, most effective and innovative border policy leaders. In McAllen and El Paso, Reyes initiated forward-thinking programs such as the Border Patrol's National Anti-Drug School Education Program, the Border Patrol's Canine Program, and Operation Hold the Line. Operation Hold the Line continues as part of the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection strategy for the entire Southwest border and earned Reyes recognition from the White House, Congress, Department 26 1/2 years of service in the U.S. Border Patrol in 1969. Beginning his career as an agent, he was tapped to be the Assistant Regional Commissioner in Dallas, where he administered \$100 million in programs over a 13 state area before being promoted to Sector Chief. From 1984 to 1995, Reyes led Border Patrol efforts in McAllen and then El Paso, two of the agency's busiest and most important sectors. As a chief, he quickly became known as one of the government's strongest, most effective and innovative border policy leaders. In McAllen and El Paso, Reyes initiated forward-thinking programs such as the Border Patrol's National Anti-Drug School Education Program, the Border Patrol's Canine Program, and Operation Hold the Line. Operation Hold the Line continues as part of the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Customs and Border Protection strategy for the entire Southwest border of Justice, and Immigration and Naturalization Service, as well as numerous local, state, national and international organizations.

Reyes ran for Congress to give the border region a higher profile in Washington and to secure needed resources for El Paso. During his eight terms on the job, he emerged as a leader on intelligence, immigration and border, military, and veteran's issues, often authoring key provisions of major legislation. As the second highest ranking Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, Congressman Reyes was the top Ranking Member of the Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over Army programs. A senior member of the Readiness Subcommittee, Congressman Reyes supported over \$5 billion in military construction for Fort Bliss and secured legislative authorization of a new \$1 billion William Beaumont Army Medical Center. As the 3rd most senior Democrat on the Veterans Affairs

Committee and a member of the Health Subcommittee, Congressman Reyes worked to improve care for El Paso veterans.

Much of Reyes' hard work in Washington culminated in the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision which directed that the 1st Armored Division, four brigade combat teams, and a combat aviation brigade be stationed at Fort Bliss. The addition of 24,000 soldiers at Fort Bliss has increased the annual impact of the post on the El Paso economy from \$1.7 billion to a \$6.7 billion annual economic boost beginning in 2013. In addition, Reyes is proud of his accomplishments for El Paso, the border, and the country in other fields, such as immigration and border security, border commerce, small business, education, water and flood control, and healthcare, among others. He has focused on reducing wait times at El Paso's international bridges; legislated to broaden opportunities for El Paso small businesses; fought to bring good teachers to high- need areas like El Paso and millions of dollars to Hispanic Serving Institutions like UTEP and EPCC; secured tens of millions of dollars for El Paso water, wastewater, storm water, and flood control infrastructure; and advocated for doctors and patients and healthcare along the border.

On January 3, 2007, as Democrats took back control of Congress, Reyes assumed the Chairmanship of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the influential committee that oversees the nation's intelligence community. He was one of two Hispanic Members of Congress to chair full committees. Reyes worked to protect our security and personal freedoms. Moreover, after the nation was misled into an ill-advised war on the back of flawed intelligence, he has reestablished effective and responsible Congressional oversight of the nation's 16 intelligence agencies.

Reyes is a past Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), was appointed Vice Chair of the Democratic Task Force on Homeland Security by the House Democratic Leadership, and serves on the Democratic Faith Working Group and the Democratic Whip Team. He is also a founding member of the Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, the Congressional USO Caucus, and the Diversity and Innovation Caucus, and serves on a variety of other caucuses and coalitions.

In addition, he is an active member of the U.S.-Mexico Inter-parliamentary Group. Reyes has been honored many times by organizations such as the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Mexican-American Bar Association, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission, the Pan American Health Organization, the National Parks Conservation Association, and the National Association of Public Hospitals, among many others. He was El Paso Inc.'s 2006 "El Pasoan of the Year."

Reyes lives in El Paso with his wife Carolina and spent 16 years commuting to Washington to represent El Paso. He grew up in Canutillo, in El Paso's Upper Valley, and learned a lot about values like hard work, service to our community and country, and the blessings of family and friends. They have three grown children: Monica, Rebecca and Silvestre Jr. They are also the grandparents of Amelia, Mateo, Julian, Orlando, Jackie & Frank and great grandparents to Zanaya and Shiloh. Reyes is currently a principal of Reyes Solutions and Consulting (RSC), working on projects and consulting on Border Security Issues. He is currently serving as a Board Member of the National Border Patrol Museum and of the Mexican American Cultural Institute.