

DATE: July 27, 2021

TO: City Clerk

FROM: City Representative Cissy Lizarraga

ADDRESS: 300 N. Campbell St. TELEPHONE 915-212-0008

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of August 3, 2021

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Cynthia T. Renteria to the Districting Commission

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Districting Commission

NOMINATED BY: Cissy Lizarraga DISTRICT: 8

NAME OF APPOINTEE Cynthia T. Renteria  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: N/A**

**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: Vacant

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT: N/A

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

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: August 3, 2021

TERM BEGINS ON : 08/03/2021

EXPIRATION DATE OF NEW APPOINTEE: 12/31/9999

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

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

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

# Cynthia T. Renteria

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## Education

Ph.D. History, University of Texas at El Paso, in progress  
Specialization: Borderlands

Dissertation title: Reimaging Paso del Norte: Historical Memory in the Borderland, 1980-2010

M.A. History, New Mexico State University, 2011  
Specialization: Public History

B.A. History, University of Texas at El Paso, 2007

## Research Interests

Historical Memory, Heritage Tourism, Modern Borderlands, Chicana History

## Recent Professional Experience

Director of Community Development and Cultural Inclusion, El Calvario IAC August 2021 – Present

- Drive creation of new community development initiatives and recommendations to El Calvario IAC Executive director, board, and leadership team
- Build and maintain community partnerships in order to increase and execute programming
- Identify funding sources and assist with relevant grant writing and reporting as needed
- Ensure that economic development plans promote cultural competency and inclusion via programming based on history, development of community dialogues, workshops, and art projects
- Document the El Calvario story, including its connection to the Mesquite Historic District
- Develop El Calvario's social and economic voice as a cultural/historical/economic site with exhibits and displays

Basic Skills Instructor, Center for Employment Training (CET) January 2018 – July 2021

- Classroom instruction using a variety of techniques and approaches (group and individual lessons)
- Develops lessons and classroom materials in accordance with the Adult Education Career Pathways (AECPP) Curriculum
- Integrates vocational English into daily lessons and teaches Vocational ESL classes

Teaching Assistant, UTEP, Art History Program September 2017 – August 2021

- Graded examinations and papers assignments for three professors in the department
- Proctored exams and facilitated exams with accommodations as needed
- These duties provided for four to five courses on average per semester
- Versed in basic Art History readings, concepts, and terminology

## Recent Publications

“Frontera Firme: One Year After the Walmart Shooting,” El Paso News, Accessible at <https://elpasonews.org/2020/08/03/frontera-firme-one-year-after-the-walmart-shooting/> (2020)

“Hardball History: Choosing Sides,” History@Work, National Council on Public History. Accessible at <http://publichistorycommons.org/hardball-history-renteria/> (2015)

## Honors and Awards

Frances G. Harper Dissertation Research Award, 2021

Tom Lea Research Fellowship, 2015

New Mexico State University, Hispanic Caucus, Diversity and Leadership Award, 2011

New Mexico State University Hull Scholar, 2009-2010