

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of the Mayor

**AGENDA DATE:** January 19, 2022

**CONTACT PERSON NAME/PHONE NUMBER:** Mayor Oscar Leeser (915) 212-0021

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**SUBJECT: Approve the following Resolution**

Discussion and action on a Resolution to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee:

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| Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> | Marybeth Stevens       |
| Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Luis Rosas             |
| Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Stefani Block Uribarri |

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The second term of the Public Service Board member serving in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy, Mr. Christopher Antcliff, expires on January 15, 2022. Ms. Antcliff is not eligible to be appointed for another term since board members are limited to two terms.

On December 1, 2021, as required by Ordinance Number 017167, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee (hereinafter "Selection Committee") met and reviewed the applications submitted by qualified applicants. I, as Mayor, serve as the Chairperson of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee's membership consists of the Public Service Board members and eight persons (1 vacancy) appointed by City Council. The Selection Committee now forwards a slate of three candidates, in order of their ranking, to the City Council for consideration and appointment.

Advertisement for applicants interested in this position were placed in the El Paso, Inc., and on the City of El Paso and El Paso Water's websites.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

**Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?**

Yes. The City Council approved a Resolution on February 16, 2021 appointing Lisa Saenz to fill a vacancy of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Financial Management.

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

The El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board budget.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:**

On December 1, 2021, the Selection Committee approved a Resolution selecting and ranking the qualified applicants in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy. The Committee's Resolution is attached.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board will occur on January 15, 2022 with the expiration of the second term of Christopher Antcliff, in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance Number 017167 which requires that any vacancy in the membership of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board be filled by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso by Resolution established the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee, to be comprised of the members of the Public Service Board and such additional members as appointed by the City Council to assist City Council in selecting eligible candidates to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Resolution, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee reviews resumes submitted by persons interested in filling the vacant position and submits to the City Council the names and the ranking of three eligible candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on December 1, 2021 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination, ranking and recommendation of eligible candidates for consideration and appointment by City Council;

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

**THAT**, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on December 1, 2021 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination, ranking and recommendation to the City Council the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy:

Ranked 1<sup>st</sup>      Marybeth Stevens

Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>      Luis Rosas

Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>      Stefani Block Uribarri

**THAT**, the El Paso City Council hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board in the area of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy. The term of appointment shall commence on February 9, 2022 and shall be for a four (4) year term.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2022.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

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Oscar Leaser  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Karla M. Nieman  
City Attorney



**TO:** Tomás González, City Manager, City of El Paso, Texas  
**FROM:** John E. Balliew, President/CEO, El Paso Water Utilities, Public Service Board  
**DATE:** December 9, 2021

**SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on the Regular Agenda for City Council Meeting:  
January 19, 2022**

**Agenda Posting Language:**

Discussion and action on a Resolution to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy, as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee.

(All Districts) El Paso Water Utilities, John E. Balliew, President/CEO, (915) 594-5595

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**Background:**

This agenda item is for City Council to appoint a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees. The second term of the Public Service Board member serving in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy, Mr. Christopher Antcliff, expires on January 15, 2022. Mr. Antcliff is not eligible to be appointed for another term since board members are limited to two terms. Attached is a copy of the general qualifications to be considered for the Consumer or Citizen Advocacy category.

On December 1, 2021 as required by Ordinance Number 017167, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee (Selection Committee) met and reviewed the applications submitted by qualified applicants. The Committee's membership consists of the Public Service Board and eight persons (1 vacancy) appointed by City Council. In accordance with Ordinance 017167, the Committee now forwards a slate of three candidates, in order of their ranking, to the City Council for consideration and appointment. Attached is a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Selection Committee at the December 1, 2021 meeting along with the resumes of the applicants.

**Action Requested:**

That the City Council adopt a Resolution appointing a member to the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board of Trustees in the area of expertise of Consumer or Citizen Advocacy, as recommended by the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 594-5595 or e-mail [Jeballiew@epwater.org](mailto:Jeballiew@epwater.org). El Paso Water Utilities staff will attend the City Council meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,



John E. Balliew, P.E.  
CEO/President

#### Attachments

DHS  
City Council Resolution  
Selection Committee Resolution  
Score/Ranking Sheet  
Resumes of top 3 candidates (Redacted)  
PSB Areas of Expertise, Education and Experience for Consumer or Citizen Advocacy

CC:     The Honorable Mayor Oscar Leeser (email)     Marcela Navarrete, Vice-President, PSB  
          Laura D. Prine, City Clerk (email)            R. Alan Shubert, Vice-President, PSB  
          Karla Nieman, City Attorney (email)         Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel, PSB

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy in the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board will occur on January 15, 2022 with the expiration of the second term of Christopher Antcliff, who filled the position with expertise in Consumer or Citizen Advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso adopted Ordinance Number 017167 which requires that any vacancy in the membership of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board be filled by the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso by Resolution established the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee, to be comprised of the members of the Public Service Board and such additional members as appointed by the City Council to assist City Council in selecting eligible candidates to fill the vacancy; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Resolution, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee reviews resumes submitted by qualified persons interested in filling the vacant position and submits to the City Council the names and the ranking of the eligible candidates.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EL PASO WATER UTILITIES PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD SELECTION COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

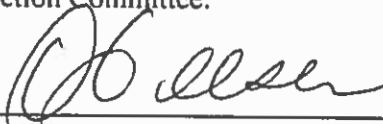
**THAT**, a quorum of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board Selection Committee met on December 1, 2021 pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act and approved the nomination, ranking and recommendation to the City Council of the following candidates to fill a vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ranked 1 <sup>st</sup> | Marybeth Stevens        |
| Ranked 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Luis Rosas              |
| Ranked 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Stefanie Block Uribarri |


**THAT**, the Mayor of El Paso, who serves as the Chair of the Committee, forward the recommendation to the El Paso City Council for their consideration for filling the vacancy on the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board.

**PASSED and APPROVED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2021.

El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board  
Selection Committee:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Oscar Leeser, Chair

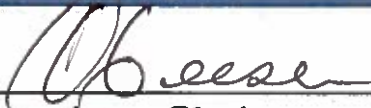
Approved As To Form:

  
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Daniel Ortiz, General Counsel


**PSB Selection Committee**  
**Wednesday, December 01, 2021**  
**Consumer/Citizen Advocacy**

**SCORING OF CANDIDATES**

| CANDIDATES              | NUMBER OF POINTS: | RANK |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------|
| Marybeth Stevens        | 30                | 1    |
| Luis Rosas              | 28                | 2    |
| Stefanie Block Uribarri | 26                | 3    |

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chairman

*12/7/2021*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*for*   
\_\_\_\_\_  
General Counsel

*12/3/2021*  
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Date

# Marybeth Glasheen Stevens

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Better Business Bureau Paso del Norte**

November 2016 to present

*President*

El Paso, Texas

Lead local team to further the BBB vision and mission of an ethical marketplace based on trust by encouraging best business and consumer practices. While managing the human, financial, and program resources, built a culture based upon open communication, trust, and expectations that supports performance at the highest industry standards. Realigned staff, process improvement, and climate of innovation have created an environment of accountability and success. New strategies for sales and retention have resulted in steady growth in members and revenue. Improved marketing, customer service, and products have resulted in dramatic increases in public awareness and use of BBB services, as well as member value. Regular opinion pieces and radio, television, and public appearances have contributed to the enhanced position of the BBB as a leading business organization and resource.

As a member of the International Association of Better Business Bureaus Board of Directors and Chair of its Governance Committee, identify strengths, weaknesses, and progressive solutions to strengthen the BBB brand as the leading source of trusted information and business resources nationwide.

### **University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Communication**

2016 to Spring 2019

*Lecturer*

El Paso, Texas

Taught Organizational Communication and Leadership to undergraduate students.

### **Metropia**

October 2015 to December 2018

*Advisor*

El Paso, Texas

Advised local team regarding launch and implementation of Metropia app for community-based traffic solutions.

### **MJD & Associates**

September 2015 to December 2016

*President*

El Paso, Texas

Led team of associates providing strategic planning, community relations, fund development, management and organizational consulting services to corporations, foundations, nonprofit organizations, and community leaders.

### **El Paso Electric**

September 2010 to April 2015

*Assistant Vice President, External Affairs and Public Relations*

El Paso, Texas

#### *External Affairs*

Fostered positive relationships with, educated, and influenced key stakeholders, including local, state, and federal entities, on a broad range of issues that ensured an optimal legislative, regulatory, and operational environment. Developed and successfully implemented financial, strategic and tactical plans to further company goals.

#### *Public Relations*

Led team to realign focus and mission with strategic corporate objectives and promote a consistent positive corporate image, internally and externally.

Developed, wrote and implemented comprehensive strategic and crisis communication plans.

Proactively and successfully managed media and community relations, including those involving hostile situations. Strategically managed multi-million dollar budget, including renegotiating numerous service contracts resulting in significant savings.

Developed and launched successful "PowerOn" multi-media campaign and oversaw development and launch of social media for the company.

#### *Community Relations*

Strategically refocused, directed, and coordinated \$1.5M corporate philanthropy budget and community development activities, including an employee volunteer program and speakers bureau.



## Management Systems International

**PRODERECHO**

*Advisor*

September 2006 to July 2009

México City, México

Gained support of US and Mexican businesses for criminal justice reform in Mexico.  
Promoted cross-border cooperation between Texas and Mexico law enforcement authorities.

**PROTEJA**

*Consultant*

Translated and wrote quarterly and annual reports, as well as other informational and promotional pieces, regarding efforts to combat trafficking in persons pursuant to USAID requirements in Mexico.

## Independent Consultant

January 2002 to June 2005

El Salvador

Developed sustainable business opportunity for women in impoverished rural community.

## American Council of Life Insurers

February 1993 to December 2001

*Senior Counsel*

Washington, D.C.

Directed legislative and regulatory affairs in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, and Alaska for over 600 financial service member companies, including tracking, drafting and providing comment on legislation and regulation; testifying before legislatures and regulatory committees; building coalitions to support industry positions; and analyzing political environments for resource allocation decisions.  
Led nationwide efforts to shape policy on a number of industry issues.

## EDUCATION

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### University of Texas at El Paso

Masters of Business Administration

In progress

### Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Juris Doctor

1992

Washington, D.C.

### University of Texas at Austin

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

1988

Austin, Texas

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Maryland Bar Association

District of Columbia Bar

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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International Association of Better Business Bureaus, Board of Directors, 2021 – present

Chair, El Paso County Ethics Commission, appointed by County Judge, 2020 – present

UTEP College of Education Advisory Board, 2021 – present

El Paso Chamber, 2019 Board of Directors; 2018 Chair, Foundation; 2016 Chair, Board of Governors

Paso del Norte Trail Advisory Committee, 2019 – present

Executive Forum, El Paso, 2015 - present

Kids Excel, Board of Directors, 2013 – 2021

YWCA, Board of Directors, 2013-2018

Leadership Texas, 2015

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol Citizens Academy, 2015

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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Conversational Spanish

# LUIS ROSAS

Vice President

Hub International Insurance Services

## PROFILE

Luis Rosas  
Vice President  
Hub International Insurance Services

## CONTACT



## EDUCATION

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### El Paso High School

1985-1990  
University of Texas at El Paso  
1990-1991  
University of Texas at San Antonio  
1991-1993  
University of Texas at Austin 1993-1995  
Bachelor of Arts earned in 1995

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Altalanos Muvelodosi Kozpont  
Kiskunhalas, Hungary  
Primary and Secondary School English Teacher  
1996-1998(Head of Language Department)  
Worked with Hungarian English teachers on curriculum creation and implemented plans for teaching students from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Socorro Independent School District  
Even Start Program English Instructor  
1998-2001  
Taught parents of underserved children's English skills for parents to help children with their schoolwork and communicate with teachers. In addition to English classes, we worked with them on life skills for their new lives in the United States

Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company/Cengage Learning  
2001-2010  
Custom Publishing Editor  
Worked with Sales Representatives on large university wide textbook adoptions. I worked with representatives in Texas and Southern California. Was named Custom Publishing Editor of the year twice (2006 and 2010) Cengage purchased Houghton Mifflin in 2009.

WebAssign  
2010-2011  
Sales Manager for Texas, NM, AZ, and California. Responsible for sales activities in states listed above.

JDW/Hub International  
2011-Present  
Vice President and producer. Risk management and insurance placement for mid-size to large accounts. Work with clients on mitigating claims as well as looking at different strategies to transfer costs of risk.

Board Service  
El Paso Symphony Orchestra 2012-2017  
El Paso Association of Builders 2013 to present  
Ciudad Nueva 2018 to present

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To Whom it may concern-

I am very appreciative of the opportunity to apply for a position on the PSB. As a native El Pasoan I know the importance of the work performed by the PSB. I often read about decisions being made by the PSB in the newspaper.

As is shown on my Curriculum Vitae, board work has been very important to me over the last nine (9) years. Serving our community is something JDW and Hub International find very important. That way of thinking has been ingrained in me. I feel serving on the PSB would allow me to be a part of important decisions that impact our lives now but also my children's lives. That is an exciting and weighty responsibility. One that I do not take lightly.

While I would have much to learn about the many facets of the PSB's function, I feel I could be a real asset to the board. Being involved in the business community puts me in touch with many different industries. This will allow me to see things from multiple sides. Given my role in dealing with multiple levels of an organization to get decisions made, I feel I am valuable in helping groups reach a consensus. I also feel that working in a team is something I am very good at. Collaboration is a key part of what we do as insurance brokers.

In closing, serving on the PSB board is something I have wanted to do for some time. If I were to have the honor of being chosen, I feel like I would not only have personal growth but be able to better serve the community I love and belong to. Thank you.

# STEFANIE BLOCK URIBARRI



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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **PEARL PROPERTIES**

**El Paso, TX**

**Principal**, July 2012 – present.

General manager and principal at locally owned real estate investment and management company. Chief executive responsible for all aspects of the organization.

### **UNESCO, REGIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION FOR LATIN AMERICA**

**Santiago, Chile**

**Managing Editor, Communications and Publications Department**, 2009 – 2012.

Responsible for the Regional Bureau's communications strategy to promote education development in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Supervised the publication of all written materials. Prepared briefings, talking points, op-eds and speeches. Participated in national and international technical meetings and conferences with ministries of education, universities, international organizations and media. Supervised unit budget and staff.

- Made policy recommendations as a member of the UNESCO Working Group on Youth.
- Promoted inclusive youth and higher education policy and practices as panelist at international conferences, including the International Workshop on Public Policy for Inclusive Higher Education (Chile), Vanguardia Iberoamericana (Argentina), and the World Youth Conference (Mexico).
- Designed communications strategy for LAC Ministers of Education (EFA/PRELAC).
- Designed Leonardo Henrichsen Journalism Prize and served as juror (Association of Foreign Correspondents). Edited publication featuring winning articles.
- Developed and coordinated international seminar for World Press Freedom Day.

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM**

**New York, NY**

**Program Manager, International Programs and Prizes**, 2007 – 2009.

Supervised the Lukas Prize Project for non-fiction and the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes, the premiere international award for journalistic coverage of Latin America. Designed, implemented, and coordinated professional development programs for Cabot medalists and NEA Arts Journalism Institute Fellows. Selected international students for admission and scholarships and provided them with cultural education and support services.

- Designed and implemented conferences, internships and other professional development activities with Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, PBS, Clarín and other national and international news organizations.
- Obtained funding for, planned and organized "Scared Silent: Mexico's Journalists Under Siege," an international conference that allowed journalists from across LAC to attend free of cost, funded by the Knight Foundation

### **THE COMMITTEE FOR HISPANIC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (CHCF)**

**New York, NY**

**Development Associate**, 2005 - 2007.

Wrote grant applications, designed programs and evaluations, organized fundraising events, and cultivated relationships with donors. Tracked program implementation and monitoring.

## EDUCATION

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE**

**New York, NY**

**Master of Arts, International Educational Development**, 2009.

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**  
Fellowship for Emerging Leaders in Public Service, 2008.

New York, NY

**FULBRIGHT PROGRAM**  
Fulbright Fellow, 2005.

Santiago, Chile

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
Bachelor of Arts, 2004. *Magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Plan II Honors.

Austin, TX

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **EL PASO APARTMENT ASSOCIATION (EPAA)**

El Paso, TX

**Executive Board Member**, 2017 - present.

**Member**, 2013 - present.

Member of the local affiliate of a state and national trade organization for the apartment industry.

- Recipient of the Independent Rental Owner of the Year Award, El Paso Apartment Association, 2017.
- Chair, Independent Rental Owners Committee, Texas Apartment Association, 2019 – 2020.
- Member of the City of El Paso's Affordable Housing Task Force, 2021

### **THUNDERBIRD PLAYGROUND, CORONADO HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (CHNA)**

**Chair**, 2016 – present.

El Paso, TX

Initiated a public-private partnership between CHNA and the City of El Paso to install a playground at the Jan Sumrall Memorial Trailhead. Recruited co-chair and board members, implemented fundraising campaign, designed playground, created marketing and outreach materials, and worked with the City to supervise the design and installation of the site.

### **CITY OF EL PASO**

**Public Art Commission**, 2014 – 2017, selected publicly funded art.

**Building and Standards Commission**, 2014 – 2018, enforced building codes to ensure the safety of structures.

**Affordable Housing Task Force**, 2020 – present, designing policies to increase access to affordable housing.

### **EL PASO OPERA (EPO),**

**Board Member and President of the BRAVO Alliance**, 2012 - 2014.

Provided oversight over the organization. Organized events, fundraisers and outreach activities to support EPO.

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Author and editor, *Activity Review 2010*. UNESCO. Santiago, 2011.

Editor, *Chilean Legends for the World* (five-book series for children). Amapola Editores. Santiago, 2010.

Editor, *Factors Associated with the Cognitive Development of Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean: Briefing Document*. UNESCO. Santiago, 2010.

Editor, *Education, Youth and Development: UNESCO in Latin America*. UNESCO. Santiago, 2010.

Assistant editor. *Challenges of the Chilean Education System Based on the Presentations and Conclusions of the Seminar "Perspectives for Education in Chile."* OECD and UNESCO, Santiago, 2010.

Managing editor, *Espacios Educativos: Edición Bicentenario*. UNESCO and MINEDUC. Santiago, 2010.

Author, "Educación Sexual en los Estados Unidos: El enfoque en abstinencia exclusiva" in *Revista Mujer Salud*, pp 33- 39. Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe (Santiago: Vol. 1/2006).

## **PSB AREAS OF EXPERTISE, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

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### **Consumer or Citizen Advocacy:**

A citizen and consumer working for openness and democratic accountability in government; the rights of the consumer; clean, safe and sustainable water resources; strong health, safety and environmental protections; and affordable water, wastewater, reclaimed water and stormwater services.

Experience and knowledge in supporting the rights of the consumer to obtain safe goods and services at fair prices. Education and training can be from a variety of areas such as law, health, science, education, political science, training in research or public information and community education, and dispute and complaint investigation and resolution.

Degree in law, government administration, public policy or political science, technical and liberal arts degrees, and a minimum of four years experience preferred; community involvement experience that accents demonstrated leadership; no conflicts of interest; abide by a specified code of ethics; and no current political office held.