



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk

Submitted On:

May 16, 2023, 01:23PM MDT

Appointing Office	Representative Alexandra Annello, District 2
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	Tuesday, May 23, 2023
Name of Board	Americorps Seniors Advisory Council
Agenda Posting Language	Appointment of Gilda Wilson to the Americorps Seniors Advisory Council by City Representative Alexandra Annello, District 2.
Appointment Type	Regular
List the nominee's qualifications to serve on this Board	Mrs. Wilson is an active member of the community, working to serve seniors, veterans, people with disabilities. She is the president of the Mountain View Neighborhood Association.
Nominee Name	Gilda Wilson
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Which District does the nominee reside in?	District 2
Does the appointee have a relative working for the City?	N/A
Has the appointee been a member of any other city boards?	N/A
List all real estate owned in El Paso County	N/A
Previous Appointee	Gilbert Blancas
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	May 23, 2023
Term Begins On	May 24, 2023
Term Expires On	May 23, 2025
Term	1st Term
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Gilda (Gail) Wilson

Current Occupations & Projects

- President, Mountain View Neighborhood Association
- Former President and CEO, OPERATION: Loving Care; a 501(c)3 charitable organization
- Community Committee member of PNAC, Emergence Health Network
- Campus Improvement Team member at Magoffin Middle School (2014 to 2018)
- Former monthly attendee of Congressman Beto O'Rourke's VETCAP meetings (2014)
- Former quarterly attendee of Red Cross Helping Hands
- Former Member of United Way's Legacy Coalition
- Former committee member of Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans
- 30+ years of assistance to at-risk youth in El Paso community (food, clothing, personal hygiene, etc.)
- Created and maintained a greenhouse garden project (Garden of Hope) to include/engage disabled youth at Irvin High School for many years with great success
- Created a garden group and give garden workshops at City Parks and Recreation
- Starting and providing vegetable seedlings to school districts, recreation centers and struggling local farmers
- Starting and providing fruit tree seedlings to other non-profits, struggling farmers and interested El Pasoans for over 10 years
- Constant community work
- Member Border Substance Abuse (abuse prevention, awareness for youth, families and senior citizens, counsel families)

Experience

PTA | LEE, MAGOFFIN, IRVIN, CROSBY, MOYE | 1988 - 2012

CIT | LEE, MAGOFFIN, CROSBY, IRVIN | 2005 - 2015

GARDEN INSTRUCTOR FOR SPECIAL NEEDS/AT-RISK | IRVIN | 2006 - 2014

ADVOCATE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN | MAGOFFIN, MOYE, IRVIN | 1996 - 2022

DEAL MAKER, NEGOTIATOR, SCROUNGER | PARKS & RECS | 1988 - 2016

GARDEN PLANNER/INSTRUCTOR | RAE GILMORE REC CENTER | 2011 - 2018

MOBILE FOOD BANK | EL PASOANS FIGHT FOR HUNGER | 2013 - 2018

Training

- Mental First Aid
- Suicide Prevention
- CPR
- Advanced First Aid at CCP
- CERT
- Leadership Academy
- Advanced Leadership Academy and Workshop
- One-Stop MVPN Peer to Peer Training (for working with Veteran's Wives)
- USDA Training for sustainable micro-farming, high tunnel growing and cloning vegetables

Accomplishments at Mountain View Neighborhood Association

- Worked with City Planning for installation of additional street lighting
- Worked with City Planning for Slow Traffic curbing in the neighborhood in high-accident areas
- Started community garden at Rae Gilmore Rec Center
- Promoted the Weatherization Project to Mountain View Neighborhood with great success
- Started a neighborhood tradition of Easter Egg Hunt and Celebration at Mountain View Park
- Petitioned City Council for a Skatepark at Mountain View Park
- Brought CERT training to Mountain View for a safer neighborhood (working on bringing NERT training)
- Advocated on behalf of petitioner for guardrail barriers on both sides of rainwater channel on Diana Drive
- Organized successful 'Keep America Beautiful' projects in Mountain View
- Helped City Representative's project to supervise kids to remove graffiti & paint rainwater channel
- Organize Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for at-risk families in the community
- Resource for the Truancy Court to provide community service opportunities to offenders
- Broker food and clothing donations for Migrant Workers (with valid work visas)
- Broker food, clothing, personal hygiene donations for at-risk youth and families
- Operated the Summer Meal program at Rae Gilmore BEFORE there was a formal program
- Worked with City Planning for additional lighting in Mountain View Park to curb crime
- Worked with City Planning for a walking path in Mountain View Park to increase use
- Crocheted medical masks for community and veterans

Accomplishments at OPERATION: Loving Care

- Started operations in May 2016, and have already...
 - Secured donations for United Way's Parents as Teachers program
 - Secured donations for Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans
 - Secured school supply drive donations for Emergence Healthcare's CHAMHPS program
 - Have crocheted and provided several thousand "prayer" hats (beanies) for the homeless and homeless veterans. Veterans beanies include Thank You cards and resource info to helping agencies
 - Hosted numerous and successful Skateboard Competitions at Mountain View Skate Park complete with counseling and resources from attending helping agencies
 - Raised donations for homeless and homeless veterans
 - Organize Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for at-risk families in the community
 - Broker food and clothing donations for Migrant Workers (with valid work visas)
 - Broker food, clothing, personal hygiene donations for at-risk youth and families
 - Partner with You Eat I Eat nonprofit to provide food to low-income families
 - Hosted and provided gardening workshops covering vegetable and fruit tree propagation, urban and vertical gardening, drip irrigation systems and many more to come
 - Provided hundreds of pounds of fresh, organic vegetables (kale, bok choy, radishes, peppers, tomatoes, lettuce, squash, egg plant, etc.) to food banks and the community
 - Private community youth outreach where I bring food, clothing, school supplies and resource info to at-risk youth at the parks or rec centers
 - Crocheted medical masks for community and veterans
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