



## Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

<b>Appointing Office</b>	Josh Acevedo, District 2
<b>Agenda Placement</b>	Consent
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	05/28/25
<b>Name of Board</b>	Americorps Seniors Advisory Council
<b>Agenda Posting Language</b>	
Reappointment of Gilda Wilson to the Americorps Seniors Advisory Council by Representative Josh Acevedo, District 2.	
<b>Appointment Type</b>	Regular
<b>Member Qualifications</b>	
See resume.	
<b>Nominee Name</b>	Gilda Wilson
<b>Nominee Email Address</b>	
<b>Nominee Residential Address</b>	
<b>Nominee Primary Phone Number</b>	
<b>Residing District</b>	District 2
<b>City Employed Relatives</b>	N/A
<b>Board Membership</b>	
Americorps Seniors Advisory Council (May 23, 2023 TO May 22, 2025)	
<b>Real estate owned in El Paso County</b>	
<b>Previous Appointee</b>	Gilda Wilson
<b>Reason for Vacancy</b>	Term Expired
<b>Date of Appointment</b>	05/28/25
<b>Term Begins On</b>	05/23/25
<b>Term Expires On</b>	05/22/27
<b>Term</b>	Second Term

# Gilda (Gail) Wilson

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## 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
- Appointed Member of Americorps Seniors Advisory Council
- 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 and propagating fruit trees from cuttings 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)
- Love Our Block Grant Recipient for community garden project at Rae Gilmore Recreation Center

## 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 - 2025**

**GARDEN PLANNER/INSTRUCTOR | RAE GILMORE REC CENTER | 2011 - 2025**

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

**COUNCILMEMBER | AMERICORPS SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL | 2023 - 2025**

## **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, hats and scarves for first responders, community and veterans

## **Accomplishments at OPERATION: Loving Care**

- Started operations in May 2016 (ended operations in 2021)
  - 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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