

DATE: August 10, 2021

TO: City Clerk

FROM: Mayor Oscar Leeser

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

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

Agenda for the Council Meeting of August 17, 2021

Item should read as follows: Appointment of Bob Burns to the Districting Commission by Mayor Oscar Leeser

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

NAME OF BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION: Districting Commission

NOMINATED BY: Oscar Leeser DISTRICT: Mayor

NAME OF APPOINTEE Bob Burns  
(Please verify correct spelling of name)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: N/A

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: TX ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: N/A

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

**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:

n/a

EXPIRATION DATE OF INCUMBENT:

n/a

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

RESIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

REMOVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 8/17/2021

TERM BEGINS ON : 9/1/2021

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## BIOGRAPHY

### Bob Burns



Bob Burns is a retired U.S. Army Colonel and Department of the Army Civilian (GS-15). Bob served as the Fort Bliss Garrison Commander, where he led the planning, synchronization, and execution of the Army's largest Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) expansion with the El Paso community. During the 15 years that he served as a senior military and civilian leader on Fort Bliss his responsibilities included providing leadership of the installation staff, leading the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division Mission Support Element, and the senior management of quality of life infrastructure, facilities, and programs that serve soldiers, veterans, and their families.

With over 35 years of combined military and civilian experience, Mr. Burns has demonstrated extensive knowledge and experience in a variety of critical leadership roles as a Commander and Staff principal. Bob's leadership roles include deploying from Fort Bliss, and serving the forward deployed Commander of the 1st Battalion (PATRIOT), 7th ADA during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and the onset of Operation Enduring Freedom. His staff experience includes Pentagon tours on the Joint Staff, Directorate of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), and the Army Staff as the Executive Officer of the Directorate of Personnel Transformation (G1), as well as serving as the Director of Training, Doctrine, and Leader Development of the U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss. After retiring from the Army in 2008, Mr. Burns briefly served as Vice President, Business Development with the El Paso Regional Economic Development Corporation (REDCo), where he was responsible for the recruitment of Defense and Homeland Security Industry to the El Paso region.

Bob is originally from Florida and attended the University of Florida earning an Army ROTC scholarship. He graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Air Defense Artillery. He also holds a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College.

Mr. Burns is a current member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion. He is an active member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and was recognized by the General Omar Bradley Chapter with the 2017 Jack Costello Outstanding Citizen Award for his service to the El Paso community. He served as a USO Advisory Board Representative, and contributed to efforts that brought multiple USO centers to El Paso and Fort Bliss. He also serves on the El Paso Independent School District bond advisory and oversight committees to ensure proper management of funds for 2016 bond projects.

Among his numerous military awards and decorations Mr. Burns is a recipient of the Army Distinguished Service Medal. His civilian honors include the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal.

Bob has been married to Linda Burns for 35 years. They have 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren that all live in El Paso, Texas.