

Board Appointment Form City Clerk's Office

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Appointing Office	Representative Chris Canales, District 8
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	02/13/24
Name of Board	Civil Service Commission
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Larry John Porras to the Civil Service Commission by Representative Chris Canales, District 8.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
Leadership roles in municipal government and legislative offices, currently advocating for public education as Regional Advocacy Director, with diverse experience, including city council, legislative directorship, and a master's in public administration.	
Nominee Name	Larry John Porras
Nominiee Date of Birth	
Nominee Email Address	
Nominee Residential Address	
Nominee Primary Phone Number	
Residing District	District 1
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Prior Board Membership	
Ad Hoc Charter Advisory Committee Real estate owned in El Paso County	
N/A	
Previous Appointee	Luis Yañez
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	02/13/24
Term Start Date	02/01/24
Term End Date	01/31/27
Term	First Term

LARRY JOHN PORRAS, MPA

PROFILE

Proven leader and manager having been responsible for the successful implementation of various programs that have carried out organizations' missions. Such organizations include departments in municipal government, legislative offices, and political campaigns. Experience in cross functional collaboration with nonprofit, political, and agencies in order to effectively serve the respective audiences' needs.

EXPERIENCE

Regional Advocacy Director, Raise Your Hand Texas ; El Paso, Texas: 2021-Present

Work to advance Raise Your Hand Texas' legislative priorities and help foster a pro-public education climate across Texas by finding, developing, and activating public education supporters in West Texas.

Collaborate with organizations and individuals to support broad-based get-out-the-vote efforts and increased voter awareness of public education issues.

Develop a local grassroots network willing to partner with Raise Your Hand Texas to pursue pro-public education policy at the state level.

Chief of Staff, El Paso City Council District 1, + Management Assistant to the Chief Resilience Officer; El Paso, Texas: 2017-2021

Chief of Staff: Oversee the legislative portfolio for the Mayor Pro Tem of El Paso, performing investigative and analytical work in researching administrative systems, policies and practices. Coordinate studies with other City departments, governmental agencies, business organizations and civic groups. Attend and participate in meetings and community functions to represent the district as authorized. Serve as a lead for City of El Paso Sister Cities planning initiatives as the Mayor Pro Tem serves as Vice-Chair for the Sister Cities, Int. board. Was instrumental in the organizing of the successful 2020 Sister Cities Annual Mayors' summit hosted in El Paso.

Management Assistant: Researched and reviewed pertinent local regulations, laws, manuals and procedures. Planned and consulted with managers or other Community Development staff to obtain clarification of expected results. Coordinated with stakeholders and user department personnel.

Legislative/ District Director, Texas house of Representatives: 2015-2017

Managed legislative activities by drafting bills for consideration, preparing briefing documents, and attending committee hearings. Wrote legislative correspondence, speeches and talking point. Oversaw legislative employees in the office; planning, assigning and directing work, appraising performance; addressing complaints; and resolving problems. Met with groups of constituents or other office visitors, as necessary. Oversaw all district office operations.

District Representative, Congressman Pete Gallego (TX-23): 2013- 2014

Acted as the representative for the Congressman, including meeting with constituents, and serving as a liaison with federal, district, and local agencies. Assessed casework for problems requiring legislative action and makes recommendations to the District Director and Chief of Staff. Trained and supervised caseworkers and interns to handle office matters such as logging incoming and outgoing correspondence, handling visitors, telephone calls, and computer operations. Prepared periodic reports for the District Director on pending cases and district activities.

Program Specialist + Acquisition Manager, City of Lubbock- 2009-2012

Fleet Department: Coordinated city-wide fuel dispensing and inventory system (Fuel Master). Worked with internal audit on year end inventory (parts & fuel) reporting. Assisted in preparation of budget allocations for fuel for the City's fleet to all user departments. Coordinated activities and personnel involved in preparing the purchase process for vehicle and equipment replacement. Facilitated meetings and exchange of information between vendors and departments to ensure awareness of the City's procurement process and available goods or services.

Community Development Department: Assisted in the orchestrating of logistics for various projects pertaining to homeless Prevention + workforce development. Provided technical assistance to applicants in preparing grant applications. Reviewed and interpreted federal and/or state regulations pertaining to community development and community services programs. Evaluated projects, prepared status reports, conducted on-site review of projects as necessary. Performed casework duties including applications and intake, plus follow-up on cases.

EDUCATION

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas- Masters of Public Administration, 2009 Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas B.A. in Political Science, 2006