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TO: ALL DEPARTMENTS
FROM: RICHARDA DUFFY MOMSEN, MUNICIPAL CLERK
SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES' PENSION BOARD ELECTION
DATE: APRIL 13, 2017

The following names will appear on the ballot for the City Employees' Pension Fund Board of Trustees Election to be held on **MONDAY, APRIL 24, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, and WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017. You will be allowed to vote for only two (2) persons on the ballot.** Both positions are for a full term of three years.

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| 1. Karl Rimkus | 5. Robert Studer |
| 2. Ruben Ramirez | 6. Oscar Arriaga |
| 3. Jesus Garcia III | 7. Jose Carlos Villalva |
| 4. Mario Hernandez | 8. Matthew Behrens |

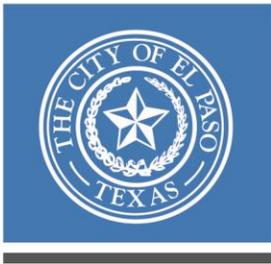
The following locations will have regular and /or extended voting at various times:

- A. City Clerk's office (CITY 1)
- B. 801 Texas, 2nd Floor (CITY 3) – **Elsa Ramirez 212-1714**
- C. One Stop Shop at 811 Texas Ave. – **Brenda Cantu 212-1642**
- D. MCAD – Union Plaza Transit Terminal – **Erin Ritter 212-1768**
- E. Airport – **Cecilia Mungaray 212-7320**
- F. Sun Metro – **Joe Villalobos 274-1922**
 - 1. Union Depot; Operations/Maintenance Office; 700 San Francisco
 - 2. Transit Operations Center; Admin. Bldg.; 10151 Montana
 - 3. Transit Operations Center; Maintenance Bldg. A; 10151 Montana
- G. Municipal Court at 810 E. Overland – **Silvia Meraz 212-5868**
- H. Zoo – **Leo Wilson 212-2810**

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Richarda Momsen – Municipal Clerk
City 1 | 300 N. Campbell | El Paso, Texas 79901 | (915) 212-0049

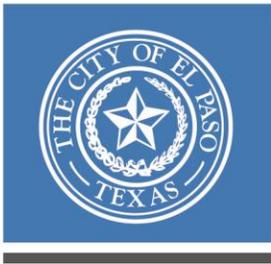
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- I. Department of Transportation – **Mary Gamez 212-7015**
 - 1. 1059 Lafayette
 - 2. 910 Raynor
 - 3. 4096 Doniphan
 - 4. Cotton & Olive
 - 5. 5115 El Paso Drive
 - 6. 4501 Hondo Pass
 - 7. 7969 San Paulo
 - 8. Mailroom/Records (CITY 2)
 - 9. 7968 San Paulo
 - 10. 4320 Delta
- J. Tax Office at 221 N. Kansas; Suite 300 – **Cathy Stern 212-1748**
- K. Health at 5115 El Paso Dr. – **Andrew Hagar 212-6502**
- L. Animal Services at 5001 Fred Wilson – **Misty Monteros 212-8716**
- M. Environmental Services – **Irene Rosemond 212-6048**
 - 1. 701 Pendale
 - 2. 7968 San Paulo
 - 3. 7969 San Paulo
 - 4. 4096 Doniphan
- N. Police – **Harry Sommers 212-4219**
 - 1. HQ
 - 2. Central
 - 3. Northeast
 - 4. Mission Valley
 - 5. Pebble Hills
 - 6. West side
- O. Fire – **Enid Coutino 485-5602**
- P. PSB – **Ana Sanchez 594-5519 asanchez@epwu.org / Monica Lozano 594-5518 mlozano@epwu.org**
 - 1. Main Office
 - 2. Customer Service
 - 3. 210 N. Lee
 - 4. Haskell Street WW & Delta Treatment Plant
 - 5. Desalination Plant
 - 6. JR & SE Water Treatment Plant
 - 7. Northeast Reclamation Plant
 - 8. Canal Water Treatment Plant
 - 9. Auto Shop
 - 10. Upper Valley Water Treatment Plant
- Q. International Bridges – **Jaime Herrera 212-7519**
 - 1. Stanton Bridge
 - 2. Zaragosa Bridge

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- R. Library – ***Ericka Abshier 212-3211***
1. Main
 2. Armijo
 3. Clardy Fox
 4. Dorris Van Doren
 5. Esperanza Acosta Moreno
 6. Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista
 7. Judge Edward S. Marquez Mission Valley
 8. Memorial Park
 9. Richard Burges
 10. Westside
 11. Ysleta
 12. Irving Schwartz

Voting Instructions:

Please make sure that you fill out and sign a certification form when voting.

1. Only qualified, **non-uniformed employees** can vote.
2. You will be given one (1) ballot.
3. **Select only two (2) names.**
4. Check the box by the (2) persons for whom you are voting.
5. Put certification form and ballot into ballot box

***Selecting more than two (2) names and submitting without a certification form will invalidate the ballot**

Eligible voters shall be given time off to vote during their regular duty hours.
If you have any questions concerning this election, please call the City Clerk's Office at (915) 212-0049.

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**CITY EMPLOYEES' PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION CANDIDATES'
BIOGRAPHIES/BACKGROUND**

Oscar A. Arriaga

As a City of El Paso employee, I take action in participating in the El Paso City Employee's Pension Fund. I want to continue my professional and educational service to the safekeeping and investment of funds for all City of El Paso employees for their retirement. Below is a history of my professional and leadership experience with financial management. Throughout my pursuits, I have worked effectively to solve challenges across complex issues. In summary, I bring a sense of commitment, dedication, and professionalism to every aspect with the Board of Trustees. Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and forthcoming response.

Board Member:

- 2013 – Present, Evolve Federal Credit Union Board of Directors
 - 2014 - 2015, Budget & Finance Committee
 - 2014 - 2015, Defined Contributions Trustees
 - 2016 - 2017, Chairman of Budget & Finance Committee
 - 2016 - 2017, Vice Chair of Executive Committee

Education:

- 2009, Master of Business Administration
University of Phoenix, Santa Teresa, New Mexico
- 2007, Bachelor of Communications
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas

Matthew Behrens

A pension is the most important promise an employer can make to its employees, and I humbly request an opportunity to do my part to protect the promise made by the City to me and my fellow employees. Although I have worked the past six years as an attorney, the world of finance is not unknown to me. I have both a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin. I put these degrees to work in Houston where I worked in Deloitte's corporate tax group for five years and here in El Paso as a tax director for Hunt Companies. Also, while at the City, I worked on the most recent amendments to the Pension Ordinance. My experience, however, extends beyond my day job as I served on Evolve Federal Credit Union's supervisory committee and have recently been voted to its board of directors. I fully intend my years of experience to ensure that we employees can reap the benefits that we are entitled to.

Jesus Garcia

My name is Jesus E. Garcia II, better known as Jesse from Comptrollers. I am a father of 2, Niki Garcia (18) and Jesse James Garcia (9)...they are the motivation of my life. I enjoy watching and playing football, basketball and golf and wish I was good enough at either of those to retire. I am a Seinfeld buff and I frequent the movies often....favorite movie of all time is "The Usual Suspects". I am approaching 10 years of service working for the City of El Paso. I have worked in Office of the Comptroller (Financial Services) the majority of those 10 years and I have held various accounting positions in various divisions. I have worked in Financial Accounting and Reporting Division where I was directly responsible for the compilation of the City's monthly Pension Fund Financial Statements for 2 years. I am familiar with the investments and expenditures that flow through the Pension Fund. I have worked in the Treasury Division as the City's Treasury Services Coordinator (interim) where I was responsible for city money and city investments and their daily monitoring. I was the P-Card Administrator for 4 years where I was responsible for booking roughly 4 million dollars of expenditures on a yearly basis. I currently work in Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable where I manage a team of subject matter experts. We are responsible for the daily check run and daily invoicing for the City of El Paso.

Mario Hernandez

Mario R. Hernandez has been an employee with the El Paso City-County Health District since 1985, as a Health Educator. His current title is Training Specialist with the Department of Public Health. He has a Bachelor's of Social Work and a Masters of Educational Psychology and Counseling, both from UTEP. His immediate family consists of his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter and her husband, Jacqueline and Marco and one granddaughter, Bianca. He has served as Department Coordinator for the City Employee Combined Charities Campaign (United Way) for the past 29 years and served as the City Coordinator for 3 years. He is a member of the City of El Paso Municipal Employees Association. He has conducted trainings for many city departments during his tenure with the Dept. of Public Health including Defensive Driving, CPR, Stress Management, Surviving Summer, the use of AED's, Back Safety, Safety Orientation and Blood Borne Pathogens. He has also served on the Pension Board for the last 10 years. He is a strong advocate for all city employees and pledges a responsible approach as a representative on the Pension Board. He prides himself in being fair and being available to listen to the concerns of all city employees and retirees. He currently serves on the Personnel Committee and is also a member of the Audit Committee. He would like to continue on the board. His approach to investments and fiduciary duties are to be conservative and not take chances with our contributions. He promises to defend those issues that matter most to all regular employees.

Ruben Ramirez

Ruben Ramirez is a Senior Accountant for the City of El Paso's Environmental Services Department. Currently, overseeing the Accounts Payable Division. Graduated from Webster University in Fort Bliss with a Master's in Business Administration. Before landing a position with the City of El Paso, I worked for other governmental agencies and the private sector. In my spare time I like to read, exercise, experiment with cooking different types of food, and watching movies.

Karl Rimkus

I am the Environmental Compliance Program Manager with the Environmental Services Department, and would like to take this opportunity to ask for your vote in the upcoming pension trustee election. I have served on the Pension Fund's Board of Trustees since 2012, and was voted Chairman last September after having served as the Vice-Chairman since 2012. While we often do not give our pension much thought day-to-day, along with health insurance it is truly our most valuable benefit that we receive as an employee of the City. Being able to depend on pension benefits for yourself, spouse or dependent child after you retire should buy you some peace of mind; however, remember that responsible management of these funds requires responsible, qualified and experienced trustees. Since being last elected in 2014, I have completed the educational requirements of the State of Texas Pension Review Board, been certified in the Investment Foundations Program by the CFA Institute, and successfully lobbied the Board to begin tracking trustee attendance at Board and Committee meetings as a measure of participation and in the interest of transparency to retirees and City employees (I have missed only one meeting in almost five years). I was also tasked in March 2013 by the Board to take the lead on securing property and initiating the design-build process for a permanent home for the Pension Fund at 1039 Chelsea in central El Paso, which we hope to have completed later this year. Lastly, and perhaps most important, I have served on the Pension Fund's Investment Committee continuously since I joined the Fund in August 2012. This committee is tasked with the monthly review of the Fund's investments and evaluates performance of investment managers and the investment strategies approved by the Board. With Fund assets approaching a value of \$750 million, the responsibility of the Investment Committee cannot be understated, and I take this assignment very seriously. In closing, I would like to thank you for considering to re-elect me to the Board of Trustees, and would be honored to receive your vote.

Robert Studer

Robert C. Studer is the Executive Budget Advisor with the Office of Management and Budget. Within this roll, he has worked with each and every city department including currently serving as the analyst for the Pension Office; learning both their operations and financials. Robert graduated from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. Robert has worked with the City of El Paso for nearly five years where he has developed, coordinated, and collaborated on numerous initiatives with Executive Leadership with the goal of improving services and maximizing resources. He has comprehensive knowledge of municipal accounting, budgeting, and financial analysis, knowledge of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules and ordinances, knowledge of current theories, principles, and best practices. He has completed the Government Finance Officer Association's courses on Advanced Accounting, Advanced Financial Reporting, and Long Range Financial Planning. Over the past five years, Robert has fostered positive working relationships with fellow employees, City officials, department heads, and city staff which make him an ideal candidate for the pension board and an advocate for City employees.

Jose Carlos Villalva

Hello, and thank you for taking an interest in our Pension Fund as well as the upcoming Pension Trustee Election—our future and financial well-being depends upon it! My name is Jose Carlos Villalva, and I work within the Economic & International Development Department as the Real Estate Manager for the City of El Paso. I am honored and excited for the opportunity to serve and represent you on the Pension Fund Board, and respectfully ask for your support and vote. Proper management and investment of our Pension Fund is absolutely critical to secure each of our families' future financial well-being and it is important to make sure the management of our fund is handled by qualified and experienced trustees who really value and understand investment strategy as it relates to assets and holdings. I believe a good pension fund should have a diversified portfolio that includes stocks, bonds and real estate. Of those three types of investments, real estate is the one that can give the best return on investment with limited risk. I have substantial experience in real estate investments, and am specifically qualified to assess long term investments, that will bring the required return on investment. Let work together to ensure our future.