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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager 
DATE: June 23, 2009

SUBJECT: **GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER (GLBT) BUSINESS ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

At the Commission meeting of May 13, 2009, via Ordinance No. 2009-3635, the seventeen (17) member Gay Business Development Ad Hoc Committee was replaced by the fifteen (15) member Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Business Enhancement standing committee with the Mayor appointing three (3) members and each Commissioner with two (2) appointments. Of the original seventeen (17) member Ad Hoc committee, there were sixteen (16) active members and one (1) vacancy.

Of the sixteen (16) active members of the Ad Hoc Committee, and pursuant to City Code Section 2-23 (Serving on more than one agency, board or committee), four members on the Ad Hoc Committee were also serving on another standing committee and elected to continue serving on their original standing committee. One (1) member elected not to continue serving thereby leaving the total number of vacancies on the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Business Enhancement standing committee at four (4).

The members who have elected to continue serving on the committee are: Willis "Chip" Arndt, Thomas Barker, Nellie Barrios, Michael Guss, Billy Kemp, Babak Movahedi, CH Ortuno, Chad Richter, Robin Schwartz, Daniel Spring, and Laura Veitia.

The Committee's terms have been staggered by the City Clerk's office with the Mayor having three (3) direct appointments with one (1) terminating 12/2009 and two (2) terminating 12/2010. Each City Commissioner has two (2) direct appointments with one (1) terminating 12/2009 and one (1) terminating 12/2010.

Although appointments to this Committee are individual appointments, pursuant to the enabling ordinance, the initial membership of the committee shall be comprised of those current members of the Mayor's Gay Business Development Ad Hoc Committee and with any additional members (as required to complete the total number of members of the Committee) to be appointed at large by a majority vote of the City Commission.

An item will be placed on the July 15th Commission Agenda should the City Commission wish to make any appointments.


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C: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager, Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager, Robert Middaugh, Assistant City Manager, Dolores Mejia, Special Projects Administrator, Jose Smith, City Attorney, Raul Aguila, Deputy City Attorney, Jean Olin, Special Counsel,