

City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

memo

DATE: April 7, 2015
TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Javier M. Gonzales
RE: Appointments

I would like to make the following appointments:

Occupancy Tax Advisory Board

Elizabeth Pettus – Reappointment – term ending 2/2018

Regional Juvenile Justice Board

Jesus Vargas – to fill unexpired term ending 10/2017 (Resume attached)
Pooja Pathak – to fill unexpired term ending 10/2016 (Resume attached)

Capital Improvements Advisory Committee

Rex Givens (Councilor Lindell) – to fill unexpired term ending 12/2017 (Resume attached)

My name is Jesus Vargas, I am currently a junior at Capital High school in the medical track. I come from immigrant parents and am the first generation here in Santa Fe NM. My family comes from Mexico and we still have powerful ties to our neighbor country. I enjoy having the ability to communicate and identify with the community I live in. I like to be connected to my community and offer the support that I had, but my older siblings might have not had, to others. When I started high school I became a tutor at Cesar Chavez community school assisting kids with their homework afterschool. I was also the boys and girls basketball coach for the past two years. I am unsure at the time if I will continue to coach this year, since the school saw the importance of sports and they now have volunteers! I will, however, continue to be a white tiger and encourage the kids at practice and games.

Outside of academics and school I am part of a group called Transformers we are a group of teens against teen dating violence. I am also a leader in a religious group called Jornadas Juveniles, bringing hope to teens through faith and religion.

I was told about the spot to sit in the Santa Fe regional juvenile justice board and I would be honored to make a difference with adults and talk about community concerns and how to make our kids and my generation proud to be Santafens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jesus Vargas

POOJA PATHAK

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APRIL '15 – LICENSED IN NEW MEXICO

MAY '13 - LICENSED IN TEXAS

'12 J.D. - TEXAS WESLEYAN

'08 B.A. SPANISH -TEXAS TECH

NOTABLE EXPERIENCE:

Trial Experience from Misdemeanor to Felony Level

Regular Court Room Appearances for Dockets and Hearings

Negotiation and Drafting of Plea Agreements

Motions – researching, writing, and arguing

CURRENT: FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Assistant DA, July 2014 - Present

DUI (5 Months, Misdemeanors) • Domestic Violence (15 Months, Misdemeanors)

Assisted Officers in Prosecution: Traffic and Petty Misdemeanors (15 months)

Designated Game & Fish Prosecutor

Juvenile Prosecution (3 Months, Misdemeanors and Felonies)

Managed Personal Caseload (83 - 350 active case), Regular Dockets,

Voir Dire, Bench Trial Experience, Jury Trial Experience

Motions Practice, Victim contact and notification,

Plea Drafting and Negotiation, Intake

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

POOJA PATHAK ATTORNEY AT LAW

Solo Practitioner – April-July 2014

Contract Negotiation & Drafting,

Criminal Defense • Collaborative Law

ALLEY DERUDDER LAW, PLLC

Attorney – June 2013 – April 2014

Family Law • Wills, Estate & Probate

Misdemeanor Criminal Defense

BUCKNER INTERNATIONAL

Extern – Summer 2012

In-House Counsel

Research • Drafting • Opinions

DALLAS COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

Pro Bono – Feb. to April 2012

Domestic Violence Court 10

Assisting Prosecutors • Discovery

Observing Plea Negotiations

COLLIN COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

Extern – Summer 2012

Family Justice Division

CPS • Research • Drafting • Intake

Jury Presentations • Discovery

DANIEL, TUCKER & HARRISON

Intern – Summer 2008

Criminal Defense & Family Law

Assisted with Discovery •

Observed: Trial, Hearings, and

Client Meetings

RECOGNITION: TX Wesleyan Scholarship Recipient • Dean's Listed at TX Tech

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OBJECTIVE Volunteer my time and become active in city issues by being appointed to a citizens advisory committee. Santa Fe resident since 2011.

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma, B.A. 1964
University of Oklahoma, J.D. 1966

UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE

United States Army, Captain 1966-68

WORK EXPERIENCE

Private legal practice 1969-71

United States Magistrate 1971-75

Professor, Cameron University 1971-80

City Councilor, City of Lawton, Oklahoma 1975-80

Staff to a United States Representative 1980-84

Restaurant in Crested Butte, CO 1984-87

Legal Assistant, Washington, D.C. 1987-2000

Development Director, Museum of the Great Plains (Lawton, OK) 2000-2010

City Councilor, Lawton, OK 2003-06

City Councilor, Lawton, OK 2009-11

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Board Member, Santa Fe Mountain Center