

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Guillermo Gandara Sr.  
Guillermo Madrid Jr.  
Gloria M. Rodriguez  
Mary B. Garcia  
Jesus Gandara Jr.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Manny Soto Jr., Interim City Manager  
Olivia Navarro, Assistant City Clerk  
Jerry Wallace, City Attorney

**STAFF ABSENT**

Gina Rodriguez, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Veteran *Javier Barraza*

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

A roll call was held and a quorum was established with all members present

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara, Jr. seconded by Mary B. Garcia *to move up items number five (5), six (6), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25,) and twenty-six (26) to be next on the agenda.* Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION:**

**5. PRESENTATION FROM THE YMCA**

**GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Presentation by Kevin S. Pearson, President and CEO and Bill Coon, Executive Director, and Suky Ramos, member of the Achieve City Group, promoting a healthy community. *(See Exhibit "A").*

***No action on this item.***

**6. PRESENTATION BY JAVIER BARRAZA REGARDING DISABLED  
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE. MAYOR GANDARA SR.**

*(See Exhibit "B").*

*No action on this item.*

**ADDENDUM TO THE PRESENTATIONS:**

**24. PRESENTATION OF LETTER AND PLAQUES OF RECOGNITION AND  
COMMENDATION TO INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR BRAVE AND HEROIC  
EFFORTS ON THE JULY 28, 2010 AT THE 11100 BLOCK OF NORTH  
LOOP. CHIEF AVALOS/GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

Plaques were presented to *Rachel Gamboa, Edie Gamboa, Edward Anthony Paez, and Andrew Paez.*

**25. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO MAYOR GUILLERMO GANDARA, SR.  
FOR HIS PARTICIPATION ON THE GRAN FESTIVAL DE VERANO 2010  
PARADE. FAMILIAS TRIUNFADORAS INC./LUIS VARELA**

Maria Covernali presented a plaque to *Mayor Gandara Sr.* for his participation in the parade.

**26. PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO THE NJROTC FOR THEIR  
PARTICIPATION ON THE GRAN FESTIVAL DE VERANO 2010 PARADE.  
FAMILIAS TRIUNFADORAS INC./LUIS VARELA**

Maria Covernali presented plaques to *NJROTC*, for their participation in the parade.

A motion was made by *Gloria Rodriguez* seconded by *Luis Varela* to *move up item number nine (9)*. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AMENDMENT APPROVAL FOR  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 76, AMENDMENT 1A,  
SECTION 14, RELATED TO KEEPING OF LARGE ANIMALS WITHIN THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. (TABLED MEETING OF 7/15/10).  
SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by *Jesus Gandara Jr.* seconded by *Gloria Rodriguez* to *have City Council discussion first and then have those individuals who signed up speak* for item number nine (9). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *table and form a committee to include the Planning and Zoning Chairman, Guillermo Madrid Jr. and Luis Varela to a committee to review the Ordinance* for item number nine (9). Motion carried unanimously.

*Omar Simental, Commissioner. Willie Gandara, Jr., Concha McMillin, Osvaldo Reza, Claudia Flores, Jesús Beltrán, Arnulfo Iglesias, Mario Beltrán, Suky Ramos, and Jesús González spoke on this item.*

**OPEN FORUM:**

*Ivan Hernandez, Marina Gutierrez, and Ben Sepulveda spoke during open forum and Oscar Gutierrez not present.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

7. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF 11/19/09, 12/10/09, 12/16/09, 01/21/10, AND 07/15/2010.** **GINA RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete* item number seven (7). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela to *combine items eight (8) and thirty-one (31)*. Motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.** **SAM LEONY**

*Esther Alvarado signed up to speak but was not present.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve the amendment to Ordinance 170, establishing truck routes within the City of Socorro, Texas, with the following changes; Section 4, Designated Truck Routes: delete item (13) thirteen and compensate with the renaming of seventeen (17), Middle Drain Rd. from Ormsby Rd. to Tanton (because of the SISD warehouse), delete sixteen (16), rename fourteen (14) North Nevarez, and create a new number which needs to be Inglewood, Fifteen (15) Ormsby, and Section 3 Regulation: Part B, the deletion of No. 3 for item number eight (8)*. Motion carried unanimously.

**31. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 76, AMENDMENT 1A, SECTION 9, RELATED TO: "MOTOR PARKING REGULATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO" SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to table item number thirty-one (31). Motion carried unanimously.

**10. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. GINA RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to delete item number ten (10). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to move up items number fourteen (14), thirteen (13), twelve (12), eleven (11), thirty (30), and twenty-nine (29) in this order to be next on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**14. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT MARY E. PEREZ TO THE MUSEUM COMMISSION. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela to approve item number fourteen (14). Motion carried unanimously.

**13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT SERGIO COX TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. MAYOR GANDARA SR.**

*Per Mayor's recommendation.*

A motion was made by Luis Varela seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to delete item number thirteen (13). Motion carried unanimously.

**12. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO APPOINT JOE DE TURO AND OSCAR GUTIERREZ TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. MAYOR GANDARA SR.**

A motion was made by Luis Varela to approve item number twelve (12). Motion died due to lack of second motion.

**11. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD/COMISSION MEMBERS. GLORIA M. RODRIGUEZ**

*During this time Mayor Guillermo Gandara Sr. swore in Mary E. Perez to the Museum Commission.*

**30. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ALLOCATION OF STREET LIGHTS FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS. JESUS GANDARA JR.**

*Esther Alvarado signed up to speak on this item but was not present.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Luis Varela *to allocate from the 2008 CO's up to \$10,000 dollars each for City Council and Mayor for street lights to commence October 2010* for item number thirty (30). Motion carried unanimously.

**29. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS.**  
**JESUS GANDARA JR.**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Mary Garcia *to remove Jaime Avalos from the 911 District Boards of Managers and appoint Refugio Orta* for item number twenty-nine (29). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary Garcia, Gloria M. Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Luis Varela voting nay. Motion passed.

**15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2011, FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**MANNY SOTO JR.**

*(See Exhibit "C").*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Mary Garcia *that the City of Socorro establish the following as proposed tax rates for the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget: Maintenance and Operations .394586; Interest & Sinking Fund .102171, for a total combined tax levy of .496757 per \$100.00 value on the real and personal property in the City of Socorro and further that the City Manager and City Clerk be directed to publish such notices and schedule such hearings, in regard to the final approval of the proposed tax rates as required by law* for item number fifteen (15). Motion carried unanimously.

**16. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULING OF TWO (2) PUBLIC HEARINGS ON AUGUST 19, 2010 AND SEPTEMBER 2, 2010, FOR THE ANTICIPATED PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2010 THRU SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**  
**MANNY SOTO JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Mary Garcia *to approve* item number sixteen (16). Motion carried unanimously.

**17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION (CO'S).**  
**MANNY SOTO JR.**

*Esther Alvarado signed up on this item but was not present to speak.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Mary Garcia *to approve* item number seventeen (17). Motion carried unanimously.

**18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE POLICE CHIEF AND APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. JERRY WALLACE**

*Jim Joplin, Attorney for CLEAT and the Police Officers in Socorro spoke on this item.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *approve the Police Department's Policies and Procedures and proposed amendments with the exception of Article 1 under the Socorro Police Department Polygraph Procedure and also for the deletion of the Socorro Police Department Internal Affairs Policy Article 15, Section B.*

*Mr. Gandara Jr. then amended his motion to delete.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve the deletion of I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of the Police Department's Polygraph Procedures and for it to state only, "pursuant to state laws", and keep the pre-employment section and under the Socorro Police Department's Internal Affairs the deletion of Article 15, Section B for item number eighteen (18). Motion carried with Guillermo Madrid Jr., Mary Garcia, Gloria Rodriguez, and Jesus Gandara Jr. voting aye, and Luis Varela voting nay. Motion passed.*

**19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AS SUBMITTED BY THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. JERRY WALLACE**

*Jerry Joplin spoke on this item.*

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *table* item number nineteen (19). Motion carried unanimously.

**20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S YEAR END REPORT. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Mary Garcia to *accept the Civil Service Commission Chairman's year end report* for item number twenty (20). Motion carried unanimously.

**21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR OPERATIONAL MANAGER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *approve* item number twenty-one (21). Motion carried unanimously.

- 22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CONTRACT AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$92,092.06 DOLLARS FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND THE OFFICE OF RURAL COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE DONNA MARIE ST. IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT UNDER CONTRACT NO. 729761.**  
**ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Mary Garcia to *approve* item twenty-two (22). Motion carried unanimously.

- 23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DONNA MARIE ST IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUNDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS (TDRA) FOR THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (TDRA-TXCDBG) CONTRACT NO. 729761, AND APPROVE FOR THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS.**  
**ANIBAL OLAGUE**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara, Jr. to *approve and add CSA Engineering & Construction Firm* after the word project on the contract for item number twenty-three (23). Motion carried unanimously.

- 27. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ACCEPTING AND RECEIVING FROM THE EL PASO COUNTY 911 DISTRICT AN AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 DOLLARS UNDER THE 2010 ENHANCE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM TO UPGRADE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FOR THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.**  
**CHIEF AVALOS**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve* item number twenty-seven (27). Motion carried unanimously.

- 28. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO RATIFY TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ANGEL ALMANZA, POLICE DISPATCHER SUPERVISOR, TO APCO INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS FROM AUGUST 1, 2010 THROUGH AUGUST 4, 2010.**  
**CHIEF AVALOS**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *approve* item number twenty-eight (28). Motion carried unanimously.

**32. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEES FOR CHURCH BAZAAR AT LA PURISIMA PARISH LOCATED AT 328 S. NEVAREZ ON SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2010. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr., to *approve* item number thirty-two (32). Motion carried unanimously.

**33. DISCUSSION AND ACTION FOR RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTIES AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY MANAGER. JESUS GANDARA JR.**

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Jesus Gandara Jr. to *delete* item number thirty-three (33). Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gloria Rodriguez seconded by Luis Varela to *move into Executive Session at this time*. Motion carried unanimously.

*THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:11 PM.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED INTO OPEN SESSION AT 9:39 P.M.*

**34. DISCUSSION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. BLANCO, ORDONEZ & WALLACE, P.C.**

*No action on this item.*

**35. DISCUSSION ON REINSTATEMENT OF THE MAYOR'S BACK OFFICE DOOR. MAYOR GANDARA, SR.**

*Per Mayor's recommendation.*

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria Rodriguez to *delete* item number thirty-five (35). Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:**

A motion was made by Jesus Gandara Jr. seconded by Gloria M. Rodriguez to *Adjourn* at 9:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Guillermo Gandara Sr., Mayor

  
Georgina Rodriguez, City Clerk



September 2, 2010  
Date when minutes were approved:

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Exhibit "A" mtg 8/5/10

**ACHIEVE** Action Communities for Health,  
Innovation, & Environmental Change  
Bringing communities together to prevent chronic diseases & promote healthy lifestyles.



Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental change (ACHIEVE), is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Healthy Communities Program. El Paso is one of 40 U.S. communities that have been selected in 23 states to advance community leadership in the nation's efforts to prevent chronic diseases and related risk factors through a locally collaborative approach.

The purpose of ACHIEVE is to bring together local leaders and stakeholders to build healthier communities by promoting policy, systems, and environmental change strategies that focus on physical activity, nutrition, tobacco cessation, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. ACHIEVE is an innovative approach that brings together all sectors of a community to spur policy change toward prevention of chronic diseases. The ACHIEVE approach aims to promote improvements such as increased access to and use of attractive and safe locations for engaging in physical activity; revised school food contracts that include more fruits and vegetables and whole grain foods; and requirements for sidewalks and crossing signals in neighborhoods to make them more pedestrian-friendly, among others.

ACHIEVE fosters collaborative partnerships between city and county health officials, city and county government, tribal programs, parks and recreation departments, local YMCAs, local health-related coalitions, and other representatives from the school, business, health, and community sectors. State Departments of Health are also available to help provide state-based resources and information as well as linkages to other collaborators to help communities meet their goals. ACHIEVE recognizes the roles of these institutions as trusted community conveners and aims to combine public health expertise from the state and local levels with the experience of the YMCA and local parks and recreation departments that have expertise in providing community support and outreach.

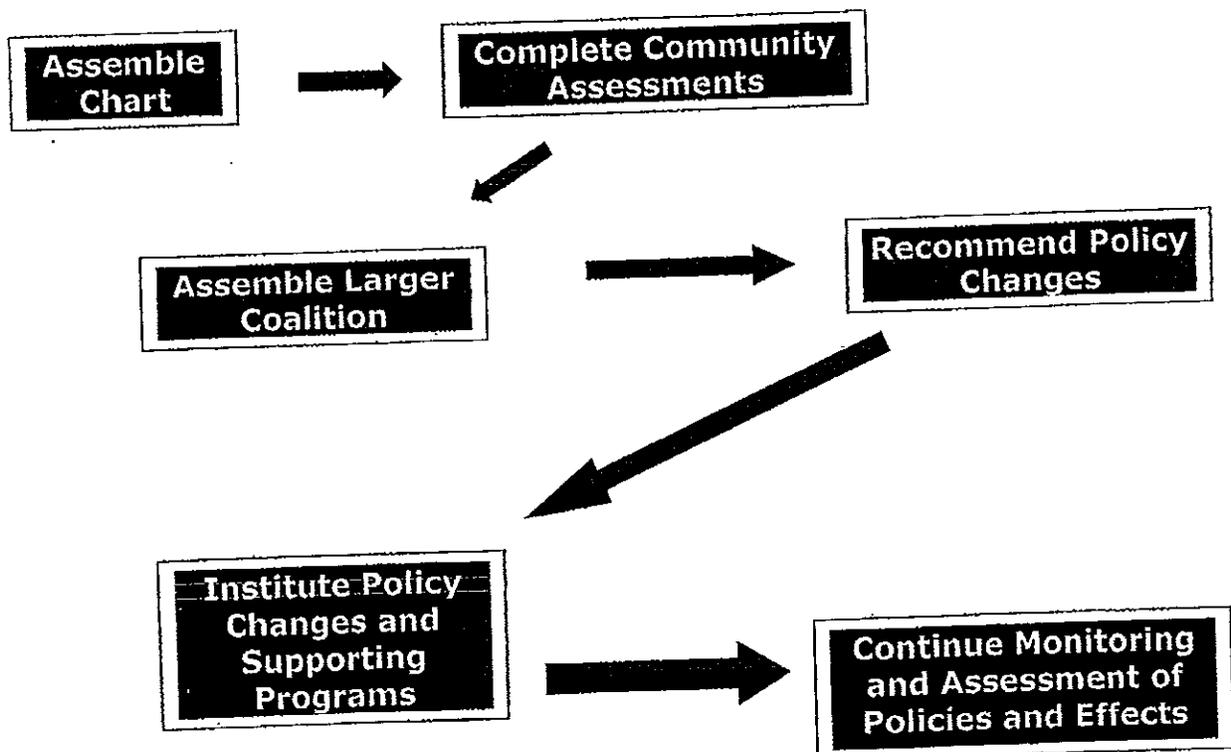
The 40 communities selected to join the initiative will become part of an aggressive social movement that is mobilizing leaders in local communities to respond to the public health challenge of obesity, physical inactivity and poor nutrition. This movement was inspired, in part, by YMCA of the USA's Pioneering Healthier Communities (PHC) So far, 118 communities have convened leadership teams through PHC and Statewide PHC, and another 30 communities have convened through ACHIEVE to make changes in their communities. For a complete listing of all funded communities, please visit the ACHIEVE Web site at [www.achievecommunities.org](http://www.achievecommunities.org) or CDC's Healthy Communities Program's Web site at: [www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram](http://www.cdc.gov/healthycommunitiesprogram).

The YMCA of El Paso applied for this grant and was selected after a competitive review process. The YMCA, with its history of coalition building, innovative programming, and holistic approach to health provided a strong candidacy toward bringing this grant to the El Paso community. The subsequent selection of steering committee members from the diverse backgrounds and expertise within their respective fields lends great strength to this endeavor.

The Mission Valley, specifically the City of Socorro, was chosen as the community for assessment, recommendation, and implementation of policy changes. With its growing community and numerous institutional stakeholders, the Mission Valley has great potential for receiving and realizing policy changes that will benefit the health and well being of all residents

*The members selected to serve on the El Paso Chart are:*

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|--------------------------|--|
| Bill Coon                | Northeast Family YMCA                                |
| Kevin S Pearson          | YMCA of El Paso                                      |
| Natalia Flores           | FirstLight Federal Credit Union                      |
| Gilbert A. Handal        | Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Medicine |
| Luis Gerardo Castellanos | Pan American Health Organization                     |
| Joe Tomaka               | UTEP   |
| Michael Kelly            | Paso del Norte Health Foundation                     |
| Carlos Hisa              | Ysleta del Sur Pueblo                                |
| Linda Austin             | Ysleta del Sur Pueblo                                |
| Suky Ramos               | Community Advocate                                   |
| Manny Aguilar            | Magnolia Coca Cola                                   |
| Diana M. Bulko           | Catholic Pastoral Center Diocese of El Paso          |
| Dyanne Herrera           | CDC  |
| Jill McDonald            | CDC  |
| Pema Garcia              | Texas A & M  |





## YMCA of El Paso



**Gym and swim.** We get that a lot around here. The YMCA of El Paso has certainly done a good job at that. In 2009 we offered over 85 group exercise classes city-wide every week and we taught over 2200 children in swim lessons

We do a lot more than that, in fact we are an agent of positive IMPACT in the El Paso community:

### ***Serving all incomes, ages and abilities***

- We served more than **27,421** people in diverse communities within the far west Texas and southern New Mexico area. **We bring together young and old, men and women, people of all faiths, backgrounds and incomes.** No one is turned away for inability to pay. Scholarships, subsidies and outreach provide essential access to low-income families.
- We provided **\$284,411** in **financial assistance and subsidies** for children, youth and families. This represents **9.6%** of total expenses.

### ***Serving vulnerable populations in our community***

- **Children:** Our YMCA serves **19,193** members -- **35%** of those members are children and youth. The YMCA provides a wide range of activities to foster healthy, productive children including teen clubs, sports leagues, family nights, community service projects and character development programs. All youth activities incorporate the YMCA Core Values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith.
- **Low Income Families:** We are one of the largest providers of affordable child care in the El Paso community. We offer high-quality summertime child care to working families regardless of ability to pay.
- **Underserved Populations:** The YMCA recognizes the needs of underserved populations in El Paso. To address these communities, the YMCA has created collaborative relationships such as:
  - Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) with the IRS* – in 2009 in excess of \$1.4 million was returned to taxpayers through this program at the Northeast Family Branch.
  - Special Olympics* – the Loya Family Branch annually hosts the training and competition for more than two dozen athletes with intellectual disabilities.
  - El Paso Independent School District* – in 2009, the Westside Branch ran youth sports throughout Segundo Barrio neighborhood for over 130 elementary age children.

*Americorps HIPPIY Program* – Citywide, the YMCA has partnered with Americorps to provide Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Children in an effort to help parents prepare their children with school readiness.

***Mobilizing community resources to meet community needs***

- **Locally Driven:** Our YMCA is created by the local community based on a regional needs assessment and is governed by a local board of engaged community volunteers.
- **Contributed Income:** Our YMCA received **\$165,029** in support from annual community contributions which represents **5.4%** of our total revenue in 2009.

The Young Men's Christian Association was initially founded in 1844 in London, England by George Williams as a Bible Study for 21 men in response to the moral decline he witnessed during that industrial age. Today, over 45 million people are served by YMCA's in 124 countries worldwide. In the United States alone, 2686 YMCA's serve to unite 21 million children and adults of all backgrounds.

The YMCA of El Paso was organized in 1886 by 19 individuals who saw the need to bring moral and character development to the young men in far west Texas. Through the years, the YMCA of El Paso has grown to accommodate the needs of children, families and adults in all corners of the community through its facilities and programs.

To find out more about the YMCA, visit us on the Web at [www.elpasoymca.org](http://www.elpasoymca.org). To participate in our Strong Kids Campaign to contribute or raise needed funds, please call Kevin Pearson at (915) 532-9622.

***The Mission of the YMCA of El Paso is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.***

## YMCA of El Paso

### 2009 Successes

#### Westside Family YMCA:

- Y 3,559 boys and girls played in youth sports program.
- Y 1,800 learned personal water safety in the YMCA's aquatics program.
- Y 160 children played in the Segundo Barrio Basketball program. A collaboration between the YMCA and EPISD.
- Y Sports League grew 35% from 2007.
- Y 600 families and youth attend the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.
- Y 125 youth attended the YMCA Day Camp Program.
- Y \$92,000 of financial assistance was given out to youth and families for programs and memberships.
- Y No one was turned away due to an inability to pay.

#### Loya Family YMCA:

- Y 1,938 boys and girls played in youth sports program.
- Y 408 learned personal water safety in the YMCA's aquatics program.
- Y 900 families and youth attend the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.
- Y 591 camper weeks for our YMCA Day Camp Program.
- Y Home-school program has 385 children attending.
- Y 327 youth enrolled in our free youth programs.
- Y No one was turned away due to an inability to pay.

#### Northeast Family YMCA:

- Y 138 children were taught SPLASH! A water safety class.
- Y 72 families/136 children received toys and coats at Christmas.
- Y 1,725 taxes were prepared in 2009 through our VITA program. A return of \$1,400,000 to the community.
- Y 1,200 people received scholarships for memberships/programs totaling \$91,891.
- Y No one was turned away due to an inability to pay.



**We build strong kids,  
strong families,  
strong communities.**

## ACHIEVE:

### Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and EnVironmental change

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**What is ACHIEVE?** ACHIEVE is designed to enhance local communities' abilities to develop and implement policy, systems, and environmental change strategies that can help prevent or manage health-risk factors for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and arthritis. Specific activities will be directed toward reducing tobacco use and exposure, promoting physical activity and healthy eating, improving access to quality preventive health care services, and eliminating health disparities. Five national organizations have been selected to collaborate with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in conducting ACHIEVE.

From 2009 – 2013, four of these national organizations will select approximately 40 new communities per year (10 per organization) for 3-year periods for a total of at least 200 ACHIEVE communities. The national organizations will support community action teams in those communities through their local affiliates. Communities will receive technical support from national organizations as well as national experts in community-level change for chronic disease prevention.

**What is the ACHIEVE model?** CDC's Healthy Communities Program (formerly the Steps Program) in the Division of Adult and Community Health provides funding and technical assistance to selected national organizations in two categories: (A) community funding and (B) translation and dissemination.

Category A awardees are the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD), National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), and the YMCA of the USA (Y-USA). Category A organizations will

- Select communities to fund.
- Promote the implementation of needed health policy, systems, and environmental change strategies
- Review and approve community action plans and provide technical assistance.
- Identify nontraditional partners who can provide additional technical assistance.

Category B awardees are NACCHO and the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). Category B organizations will develop health promotion tools and resources and provide effective policy, systems, and environmental change strategies to communities, with a specific emphasis on the following activities:

- Building leadership.
- Disseminating effective tools, resources, and community-based models.
- Promoting electronic communications.
- Providing technical assistance.
- Developing policy-related products.
- Creating training opportunities.

**What is the purpose of disseminating strategies through national organizations and why is this model innovative?** National organizations are adept at developing innovative, practical, and evidence-based strategies for building partnerships and implementing chronic disease prevention and health promotion policies through their network of affiliates and chapters in local communities. These collaborations and partnerships have integrated public health practice and united local leaders and stakeholders, contributing to the establishment of healthier communities. This model capitalizes on the experience and expertise of national organizations in strengthening community leadership, building capacity, and activating change. Establishing partnerships with national organizations to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes is an efficient and effective mechanism for achieving chronic disease prevention and health promotion goals in communities.

**What is the role of CDC's Healthy Communities Program?** The Healthy Communities Program will identify, promote, and share evidence- and practice-based strategies and provide technical assistance related to chronic disease prevention and health promotion in the areas of policy, systems, and environmental changes; evaluation; and program planning. In addition, the Healthy Communities Program will provide linkages to national programs and experts, lead and develop Action Institutes, and collaborate with Category A national organizations to develop and review criteria and select local communities for program implementation.

**What are the expected results?** National organizations and communities will have greater capacity to develop and disseminate tools, models, activities, and strategies for collaborating with a broad cross-section of partners to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes that will help build healthier communities.

Exhibit "B" mty 8/5/10

# JAVIER BARRAZA

LIFETIME MEMBER FOR PARALYZED  
VETERANS OF AMERICA

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- WEBB: CHIEF (OUTPATIENT RECORDS) PATIENT ADMINISTRATION DIVISION
- VETERANS AFFAIRS; BENEFIT COUNSELOR
- US POSTAL SERVICE; CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE
- US ARMY; SPECIAL FORCES (OPERATION DESERT STORM)

## EDUCATION

- WEBSTER UNIVERSITY; MASTER'S DEGREE (COMMUNITY COUNSELING)
- PARK UNIVERSITY; BACHELOR'S DEGREE (SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY)
- PARK UNIVERSITY; ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF SCIENCE (SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY)
- EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE; ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF ART (SOCIAL WORKER)

# VET CENTER @ SOCCORRO, TX

## FIRST TIME CLAIMS

- VA-526 FORM (8 PAGES)
- REQUESTING MEDICAL RECORDS FROM ST. LOUIS, MO
- SCREENING MEDICAL RECORDS FOR DISABILITY OPTIONS
- SUBMITTING CLAIM @ VA BENEFITS

## VA HEALTH CARE

- BASIC ELIGIBILITY: (DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE MAY QUALIFY)
- ENROLLMENT: COMPLETE VA FORM 10-10EZ (DD 214)
- SUBMITTING FORM @ ELIGIBILITY @ HEALTH CARE

## **PROGRAMS FOR SERVICE- CONNECTED DISABILITIES**

- VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT
- SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING GRANTS
- ADAPTING AN AUTOMOBILE
- CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
- AID AND ATTENDANCE FOR HOUSEBOUND VETERANS
- VA LIFE INSURANCE
- DEPENDENTS AND SURVIVORS

# PROGRAMS FOR NON SERVICE- CONNECTED DISABILITIES

- **HOME LOAN GUARANTY; PROTECT LENDERS FROM LOSS IF THE BORROWER FAILS TO REPAY THE LOAN (1. BUY OR BUILD A HOME 2. REPAIR OR IMPROVE A RESIDENCE OWNED BY THE VETERAN AND OCCUPIED AS A HOME 3. REFINANCE AN EXISTING HOME LOAN)**

- **BURIAL AND MEMORIAL BENEFITS; VETERANS DISCHARGED FROM ACTIVE DUTY UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE (SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS; DEPENDENT CHILDREN IS LIMITED TO UNMARRIED CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER 23 YEARS OF AGE IF A FULL-TIME STUDENT**

# REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL COSTS

REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL COSTS WHEN  
TRAVELING FOR APPROVED VA MEDICAL  
CARE

## ELIGIBILITY

- SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES  
RATED 30 PERCENT OR MORE
- PAID AT 41.5 CENTS PER MILE

# QUESTIONS?

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## 2010 Property Tax Rates in City of Socorro

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**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 3,091,639
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 691,076
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,782,714
Last year's tax base	\$ 761,481,771
Last year's total tax rate	0.496757 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,781,067
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 776,317,668
= This year's effective tax rate	0.487051 /\$100

*(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)*

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 3,099,293
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 776,317,668
= This year's effective operating rate	0.398071 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.429916 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.100507 /\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.530423 /\$100

### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the City of Socorro adopts a 2010 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.487051 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2009 taxes by \$60,919.

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