

Jesus Ruiz
Mayor

Rene Rodriguez
At Large/Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Reyes
District 1



Gloria M. Rodriguez
District 2

Victor Perez
District 3

Anthony Gandara
District 4

Adriana Rodarte
City Manager

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jesus Ruiz
Victor Perez
Rene Rodriguez
Maria Reyes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anthony Gandara (*Arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.*)
Gloria M. Rodriguez

STAFF PRESENT:

Adriana Rodarte, City Manager
Olivia Navarro, City Clerk
Bruce Koehler, City Attorney
Sam Leony, Planning and Zoning Director

Lt. Eddie Smith
Chief Carlos Maldonado
Charles Casiano, Finance Director
Rosio Marin, HR Director
Victor Reta, Recreation Centers Director
Judge Elia Garcia
Isela Gonzalez, Court Coordinator
Cynthia Chaparro, Juvenile Case Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Charles Casiano, Finance Director

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

A quorum was established with five members present.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

PROCLAMATION

- 5. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MUNICIPAL COURTS WEEK NOVEMBER 7, THROUGH NOVEMBER 11, 2016. JUDGE ELIA GARCIA**

Mayor Jesus Ruiz read the proclamation.

PRESENTATION

- 6. PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER, REGARDING SEPTEMBER'S MONTHLY REPORT. ADRIANA RODARTE**

Presentation was accepted by Mayor and Council.

- 7. PRESENTATION BY JUDGE ELIA GARCIA, REGARDING TEEN COURT. JUDGE ELIA GARCIA**

Presentation made by Rodrigo Estrada from Fabens High School regarding Teen Court, See Exhibit "A."

Darlene Duran and Monica Juarez from Teen Court also spoke on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 8. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

- 9. EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCIL MEMBERS. OLIVIA NAVARRO**

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve the Consent Agenda*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

- 10. INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO EL PASO ELECTRIC COMPANY TO MAINTAIN, ERECT, CONSTRUCT, EQUIP AND OPERATE ITS BUSINESS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS AND TO PRESCRIBE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH GRANT.**

JAMES A. MARTINEZ

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *postpone for the Regular Meeting of November 3, 2016*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

- 11. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 (511 ZEBU) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CHILD CARE HOME. SAM LEONY**

Public Hearing opened at 6:16 p.m.

No Speakers

Public Hearing closed at 6:17 p.m.

- 12. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 11, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 (511 ZEBU) FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) PLUS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR CHILD CARE HOME. SAM LEONY**

A motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve*.

An amended motion was made by Anthony Gandara seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve the rezoning and to build a solid wall between the daycare and rear apartment with a follow up within six (6) months, if wall is not erected, rezoning shall be returned to the previous zoning reclassification*, Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

- 13. PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 AT 531 ZEBU FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). SAM LEONY**

Public Hearing opened at 6:28 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 6:28 p.m.

14. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 11, SOCORRO MISSION #1 AT 531 ZEBU FROM R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO R-2 (MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL). *SAM LEONY*

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number fourteen (14)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

15. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED CONTRACT FOR CONSOLIDATED TAX COLLECTION SERVICES. *CHARLES CASIANO*

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Victor Perez to *approve item fifteen (15)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

MUNICIPAL COURT

16. RESOLUTION 506, IN RECOGNITION OF MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK NOVEMBER 7 THROUGH 11, 2016, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL COURTS, THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. *JUDGE ELIA GARCIA*

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *approve item number sixteen (16)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 17. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ALLOW KARINA RIVERA FROM CONGRESSMAN HURD'S OFFICE TO PRESENT THE SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH AN AWARD LETTER WHICH WAS READ ON THE CONGRESS FLOOR BY CONGRESSMAN HURD, RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT FOR BEING IN THE 50 SAFEST CITIES 3 YEARS IN A ROW, AND RECOGNIZING CHIEF MALDONADO FOR HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS THAT HE HAS BROUGHT TO THE CITY.**

CHIEF CARLOS MALDONADO

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number seventeen*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

Karina Rivera read and presented the letter to Chief Carlos Maldonado.

Chief Carlos Maldonado spoke on this item.

CITY MANAGER

- 18. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF EL PASO ANIMAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Rene Rodriguez seconded by Anthony Gandara to *accept the recommendation made by the city manager to deny these services with the City of El Paso and proceed with this service through the El Paso County*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

- 19. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE WELLSONE AGREEMENT WELLS FARGO BANK SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SOCORRO, AND TO AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. *ADRIANA RODARTE***

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number nineteen (19)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

20. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON APPROVING ENGAGING WITH RPC CPAS+CONSULTANS, LLP, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR AUDITING FISCAL YEAR 2016. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *approve item number twenty (20)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

21. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON MUNICIPAL JUDGE SALARY DESCRIPTION, SALARY AND MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO SEARCH FOR A CANDIDATE. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *keep salary and minimum qualifications the same*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *move into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes

Nays:

Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

THE CITY COUNCIL CONVENED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:42 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED BACK IN OPEN SESSION AT 6:49 P.M.

22. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ADVICE RECEIVED FROM CITY ATTORNEY IN CLOSED SESSION, AND ACTION TO APPROVE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION; AUTHORIZE FILING OR SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION; AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS, AND EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL WITH RESPECT TO PENDING LEGAL MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

23. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS, JOB PERFORMANCE OF EMPLOYEES, REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE FROM CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING THESE MATTERS. ADRIANA RODARTE

24. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION AND RECEIVE STATUS REPORT REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION. ADRIANA RODARTE

A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Anthony Gandara to *delete items twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), and twenty-four (24)*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes
Nays:
Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

25. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING SAMUEL CAMPOS ET AL V. CITY OF SOCORRO, CAUSE NO. 2013DCV4546, IN THE 120TH DISTRICT COURT OF EL PASO COUNTY [551.071]. JAMES A. MARTINEZ

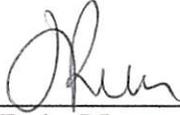
A motion was made by Maria Reyes seconded by Anthony Gandara to *authorize the appeal of this case to the Texas Supreme Court*. Motion passed.

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes
Nays:
Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez

26. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Victor Perez seconded by Rene Rodriguez to *adjourn at 6:50 p.m.*

Ayes: Victor Perez, Rene Rodriguez, Anthony Gandara and Maria Reyes
Nays:
Absent: Gloria M. Rodriguez



Jesus Ruiz, Mayor

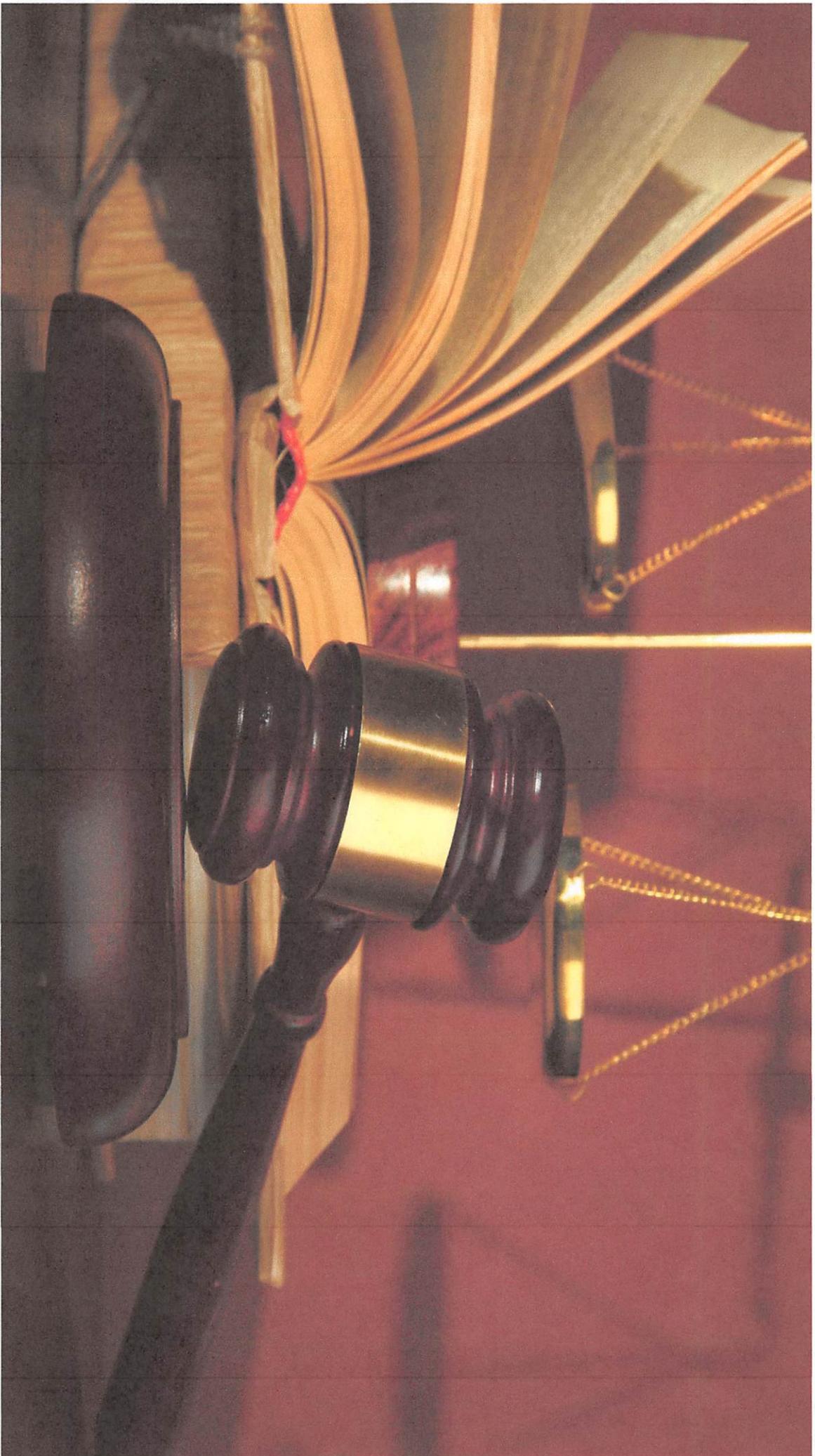


**Olivia Navarro
City Clerk**



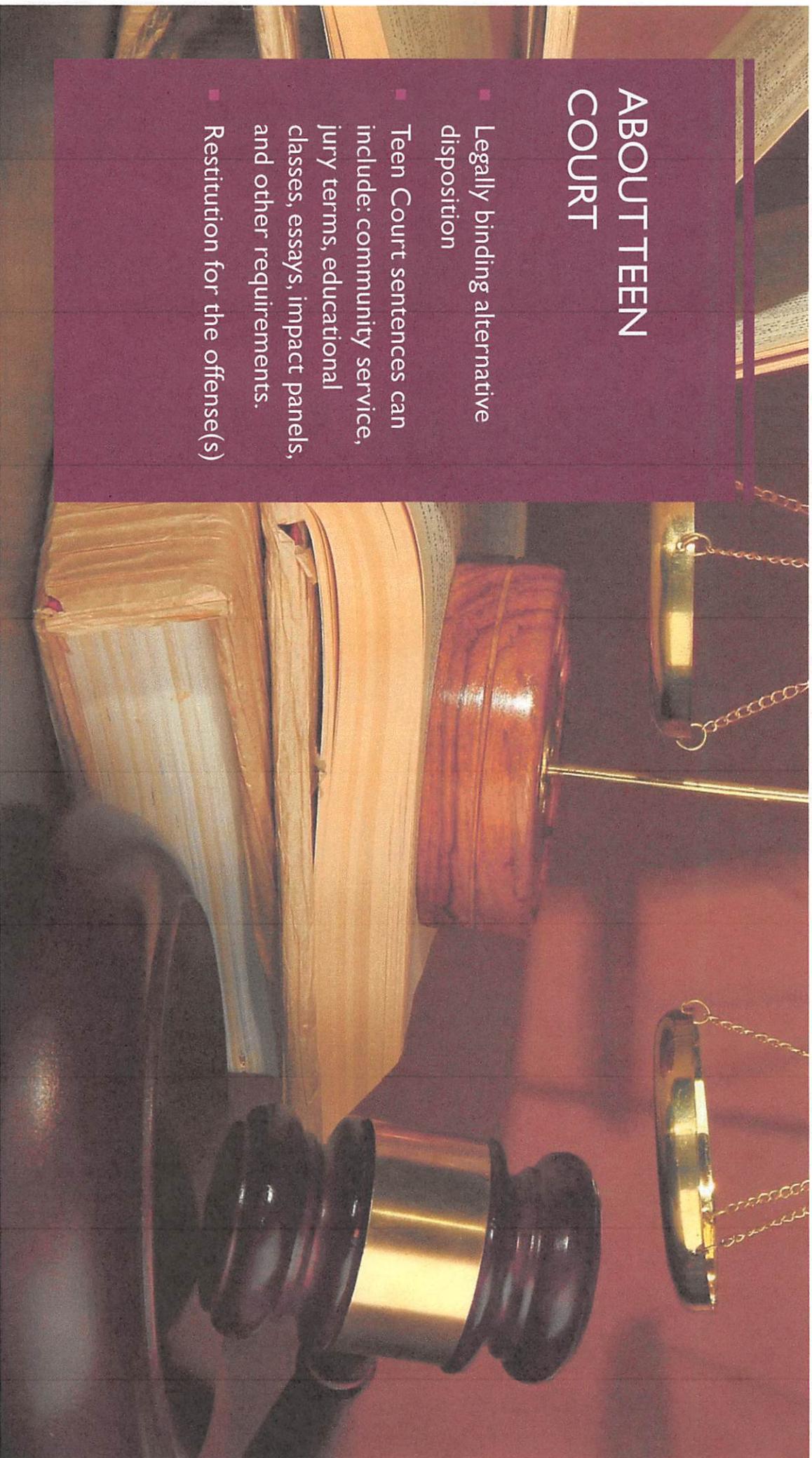
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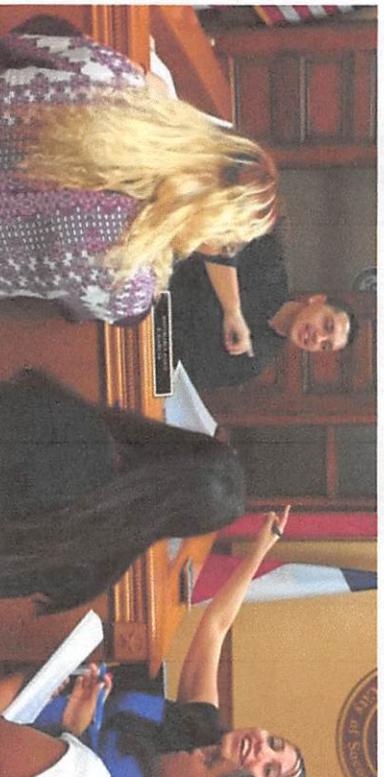
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ABOUT TEEN COURT

- Legally binding alternative disposition
- Teen Court sentences can include: community service, jury terms, educational classes, essays, impact panels, and other requirements.
- Restitution for the offense(s)



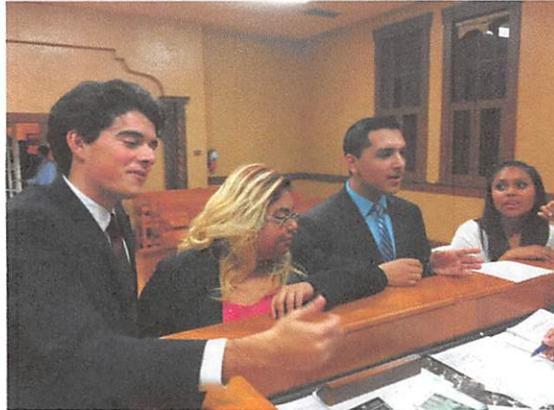


PROCESS

- Defendants case argued by a teen prosecuting and teen defense attorney
- A jury of the defendant's peers deliberates and decides on a binding punishment for the defendant.
- 90 days to complete the requirements
- Successful completion results in dismissal of the case (s)

JURY TRIAL

- Adult judge on the bench
- Volunteer teen prosecuting attorneys representing the State and the City/County
- Volunteer teen defense attorneys representing the defendant.
- Six jurors listen to the case, deliberate and determine community service hours.



STUDENT LAWYER TRAINING

- Student lawyers attended a training program supervised by licensed attorneys
- Each teen attorney learns at their own pace
- Student lawyers understood legal concepts quickly and were ready to try cases within a couple of weeks



MEET OUR STUDENT LAWYERS AND SPONSORS



Monica Juarez
Eastwood High School



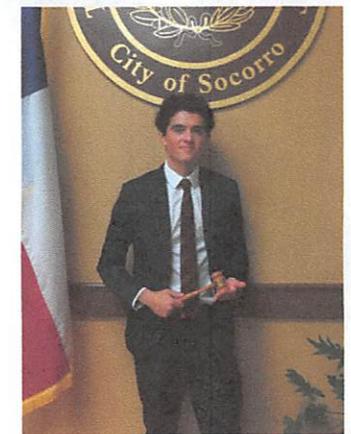
Autumn Mahone
Valle Verde High
School



Darleen Duran
El Dorado High School



Rodrigo Estrada
Fabens High School



Kyan Kamali
Coronado High School

Sponsors

- Judge E. Garcia
- Attorney Danny Razo

Student Lawyer Mariana Montes – Laretto Academy (Not Pictured)