



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 17, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** David B. Dale, City Manager *DD*

**PREPARED BY:** David B. Dale, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Fill the Vacancy on the City Council by Appointment  
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## Recommendation:

Fill the vacancy on the City Council by selecting and appointing an eligible member of the public. It is recommended by the Selection Committee that the appointment be made on the condition that the appointee successfully complete a confidential live scan process as all city employees are required to do. It is recommended that the swearing in of the selected appointee take place after the live scan results are reviewed and approved.

The Selection Committee reviewed the applications received and the following are the top three (3) candidates:

1. Camilo Garcia
2. Stella Jimenez
3. Orlando Espino

## Discussion & Analysis:

On June 8, 2020, Mayor Pro Tem David Romero resigned from his position on the City Council. As a result, his seat on the City Council has been vacated. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 36512 which states "If a vacancy occurs in an elective office provided for in this chapter, the council shall, within 60 days from the commencement of the vacancy, either fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election to fill the vacancy." (Govt. Code §36512(b)).

On June 9, 2020, the Calexico City Council provided direction to Staff to advertise, in social media platforms used by the City, the City website and newspaper, the current vacancy through an appointment process. The



Council designated two Councilmembers (Councilman Reisin and Councilman Hodge) and three City Management Staff (City Manager Dale, Chief of Police Gerardo and Finance Director Lobatos) to a Selection Committee to review the applications and make recommendations to the Council.

The vacancy was announced to the public starting on social media platforms on June 9, 2020 and advertised on June 11, 2020. Applications were due at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020. The city received fifteen applications, of which twelve were deemed eligible through the County voter registration records.

The Selection Committee carefully reviewed the eligible applications and made the above recommendations based on the qualifications represented in the applications.

Due to former Mayor Pro Tem Romero's resignation falling within 130 days prior to the November 3, 2020 election, pursuant to California Government Code Section 36512 "If the vacancy occurs in the first half of a term of office and at least 130 days prior to the next general municipal election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold office until the next general municipal election that is scheduled 130 or more days after the date the council is notified of the vacancy, and thereafter until the person who is elected at that election to fill the vacancy has been qualified. The person elected to fill the vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired balance of the term of office." (Govt. Code §36512(b)(2A)). Therefore, City is required to hold a Special Municipal Election on November 3, 2020 in order to fill the Council vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term (a "short term" of two years), consequently his appointed successor will hold office until the certification of the November 3, 2020 (December 2020). The seat will then be up for election in 2022 for a full four-year term as part of the regular election cycle. Once appointed, the appointed Councilmember, assumes the same powers and duties of an elected Council Member for the remainder of his or her term.

**Fiscal Impact:**

No direct impact.

**Coordinated With:**

City Attorney.  
City Clerk.

**Attachment:**

Applications.



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## APPLICATION FOR CITY COUNCIL APPOINTIVE POSITION

### INSTRUCTIONS:

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Candidates must be 18 years of age, reside within the city limits of the City of Calexico, and be registered to vote in the City of Calexico at the time the application is received.

The following personal information is for internal use only and will not be available to the public. The pages following the Application information will be available for public inspection as part of the nomination process.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:		
NAME		DATE
FIRST Camilo	LAST Garcia	6/10/20
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS:	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
Calexico	CA	92231
LENGTH OF TIME AT THIS ADDRESS: 18 years		
HOME PHONE:	[REDACTED]	CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]
ARE YOU 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER? Yes		ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO? Yes
DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE AS AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR ANY BOARD AND/OR AGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO? Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>		
IF YES, LIST NAME OF AGENCY AND POSITION:		
AGENCY NAME Economic Development/Financial Advisory Commission		POSITION Commissioner
AGENCY NAME Casa del Retiro Board		POSITION Director

### REFERENCES:

INCLUDE NAMES OF AT LEAST TWO (2) RESIDENTS OF CALEXICO WHO ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE CITY

NAME	PHONE
Ernie Medina	[REDACTED]
Louie Wong	[REDACTED]
Ricardo Ortega	[REDACTED]

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APPLICANT NAME	
FIRST Camilo	LAST Garcia

**EDUCATION:**

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED: Upper Division Coursework		
NAME/LOCATION OF COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED:	MAJOR	DEGREE
Imperial Valley College	Social Science	AA
San Diego State University - IV Campus	Social Science	In Progress

**EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION/EXPERIENCE:**

LIST EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE HISTORY BEGINNING WITH YOUR PRESENT OR MOST RECENT POSITION  
 (List Positions held for the last five (5) years)(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

Name and Address of Employer(s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
County of Imperial	Program & Compliance Manager	7/1/2001-Present

**CIVIC EXPERIENCE**

LIST PRIOR OR CURRENT CIVIC EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP(S) IN PROFESSIONAL, CHARITY OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS)

Name of Organization	Dates Served		Office Held (If any)
	Start Date	End Date	
CHS School Site Council	10/19	Present	Member
Casa del Retiro Board	2/19	Present	Director
Calexico Chamber of Commerce	1/19	Present	Associate Member

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**APPLICANT NAME**

FIRST Camilo

LAST Garcia

**WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE:**

**MOST INTERESTING TO YOU?**

The activity that is of most interest to me is the ability to help people and make a positive impact on peoples' lives. Being a public servant provides this opportunity.

**MOST CHALLENGING TO YOU?**

I don't see challenges but rather an opportunity to serve the citizens of Calexico in a professional and respectful manner.

**WHAT CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR IMPLEMENTED?**

I would support and champion an strong economic development strategy that will allow to retain and attract businesses. A strong tax base will provide a steady revenue stream for the city in order to maintain and augment services to the citizens of Calexico.

**HOW WOULD YOU APPROACH THESE PROJECT(S) OR PROGRAM(S)?**

The best approach to an effective business strategy is to work on making our city business friendly. Go out and visit our local businesses and promote incentives already available to them. These include new hire incentive and employee retention. Asses and streamline the process to conduct business in our city is vital for business retention and attraction. Continue to develop and strengthen partnerships with County, State and Federal entities.

**PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES THAT MAY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF YOU ARE APPOINTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL?**

None

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE:**

Over 18 years experience in economic and workforce development. Responsible for creating effective business strategies to retain and attract business to the county. Responsible for training and job placement program performance.

**WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE/RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL?**

As public servants the City Council is the liaison between the city and the public in general. Furthermore, they are responsible for the development of the city while providing services to the citizens who elected them to represent them.

Have you ever attended a meeting of this City Council?

YES  NO

If so, how many? More than 2  
years

Camilo Garcia  
Signature

6/10/20  
Date



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PERSONAL INFORMATION:		
NAME		DATE
FIRST <i>Stella</i>	LAST <i>Jimenez</i>	<i>4/10/20</i>
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS:	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
<i>Calexico</i>	<i>CA</i>	<i>92231</i>
LENGTH OF TIME AT THIS ADDRESS:	<i>10 yrs</i>	
HOME PHONE: ( ) <i>nila</i>	CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]	
ARE YOU 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER? <i>yes</i>	ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO? <i>yes</i>	
DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE AS AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR ANY BOARD AND/OR AGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
IF YES, LIST NAME OF AGENCY AND POSITION:		
AGENCY NAME <i>nila</i>	POSITION	
AGENCY NAME	POSITION	

REFERENCES:	
INCLUDE NAMES OF AT LEAST TWO (2) RESIDENTS OF CALEXICO WHO ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE CITY	
NAME	PHONE
<i>Thene Felix</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>Bobby DeNeaucha</i>	[REDACTED]

APPLICANT NAME	
FIRST <u>Stella</u>	LAST <u>Jimenez</u>

EDUCATION:		
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED:		
NAME/LOCATION OF COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED:	MAJOR	DEGREE
Bell Gardens High School	General Ed	
United College of Business, Downey	Business Admin	

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION/EXPERIENCE:		
LIST EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE HISTORY BEGINNING WITH YOUR PRESENT OR MOST RECENT POSITION (List Positions held for the last five (5) years)(Attach additional sheet if necessary)		
Name and Address of Employer(s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
Office of Asst. Eduardo Garcia 1101 Airport Road, Suite D, Imperial CA 92251	District Director	2/2017-present
The Desert Review 110 S. Plaza Street, Brawley CA 92227	Off Mng'r / Journalist	2/2015-2/2017

CIVIC EXPERIENCE			
LIST PRIOR OR CURRENT CIVIC EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP(S) IN PROFESSIONAL, CHARITY OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS)			
Name of Organization	Dates Served		Office Held (If any)
	Start Date	End Date	
Waman Haven	4/2020	present	Board Member
MANA de Imperial Valley	3/2017	present	Board member
Kennedy Gardens EL School Site Council	10/2018	present	Council Member

Imperial Valley Southern Border Committee  
 12/19-Present member

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APPLICANT NAME  
FIRST Stella LAST Jimenez

WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE:  
MOST INTERESTING TO YOU?  
Finance & planning  
MOST CHALLENGING TO YOU?  
Economic development

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR IMPLEMENTED?  
Affordable housing, beautify and attract new businesses & recreational areas for our local children.

HOW WOULD YOU APPROACH THESE PROJECT(S) OR PROGRAM(S)?  
seek and apply for grants while creating an incentive package for new and existing businesses.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES THAT MAY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF YOU ARE APPOINTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL?  
In matters where discretion of either the city or state is required, I would have to excuse myself from participating.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE:  
Previous business owner

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE/RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL?  
Ensure the city satisfies its obligations under the law and lawfully exercise its power. Establish policies; adopt ordinances, resolutions, policies and regulations for the residents while establishing goals.

Have you ever attended a meeting of this City Council?  YES  NO If so, how many? 20+

[Signature] Signature 6/10/20 Date



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PERSONAL INFORMATION:		
NAME		DATE
FIRST <i>ORLANDO</i>	LAST <i>ESPINO</i>	<i>06/12/20</i>
RESIDENCE ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
<i>CALEXICO</i>	<i>CA</i>	<i>92231</i>
LENGTH OF TIME AT THIS ADDRESS: <i>2017 - PRESENT</i>		
HOME PHONE: ( ) <i>N/A</i>	CELL PHONE: [REDACTED]	
ARE YOU 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER? <i>YES</i>	ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF CALEXICO? <i>YES</i>	
DO YOU CURRENTLY SERVE AS AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR ANY BOARD AND/OR AGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF CALEXICO? Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
IF YES, LIST NAME OF AGENCY AND POSITION:		
AGENCY NAME	POSITION	
AGENCY NAME	POSITION	

REFERENCES:	
INCLUDE NAMES OF AT LEAST TWO (2) RESIDENTS OF CALEXICO WHO ARE NOT OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH THE CITY	
NAME	PHONE
<i>STEVEN CARVAJAL</i>	[REDACTED]
<i>FABIAN HOWZACHT</i>	[REDACTED]

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APPLICANT NAME	
FIRST <i>Orlando</i>	LAST <i>ESPINO</i>

EDUCATION:		
HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION COMPLETED: <i>BACHELOR'S DEGREE</i>		
NAME/LOCATION OF COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES/HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED:	MAJOR	DEGREE
<i>UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE</i>	<i>POLITICAL SCIENCE</i>	<i>B.A.</i>

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION/EXPERIENCE:		
LIST EMPLOYMENT/EXPERIENCE HISTORY BEGINNING WITH YOUR PRESENT OR MOST RECENT POSITION (List Positions held for the last five (5) years)(Attach additional sheet if necessary)		
Name and Address of Employer(s)	Position Title	Dates of Employment
<i>IMPERIAL COUNTY - DA OFFICE 440 W. MAIN ST, EL CAJON, CA</i>	<i>INVESTIGATOR</i>	<i>2015 - Present</i>
<i>CITY OF CALEXICO - POLICE DEPARTMENT 400 E. FIFTH, CALEXICO, CA</i>	<i>POLICE OFFICER (DETECTIVE) CONTROL</i>	<i>2009 - 2015</i>

CIVIC EXPERIENCE			
LIST PRIOR OR CURRENT CIVIC EXPERIENCE (INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP(S) IN PROFESSIONAL, CHARITY OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS)			
Name of Organization	Dates Served		Office Held (If any)
	Start Date	End Date	
<i>CITY OF CALEXICO POLICE ADOPTION BOARD</i>	<i>01/19</i>	<i>06/20</i>	<i>CHAIRMAN</i>
<i>COUNTY OF IMPERIAL - MENTAL HEALTH BOARD</i>	<i>01/17</i> <i>PERU</i>	<i>01/18</i> <i>ARIZ</i>	<i>MEMBER - CALEXICO AREA</i>
<i>CALEXICO ROTARY CLUB</i>	<i>01/16</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>MEMBER, PAST PRESIDENT</i>
<i>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</i>	<i>05/20</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>MEMBER</i>
<i>MOVIMIENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO CATOLICO</i>	<i>2008 - 2016</i>		<i>MEMBER, BOARD MEMBER</i>
<i>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - LECTOR</i>	<i>2014 - Present</i>		<i>READER - LECTOR</i>

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APPLICANT NAME

FIRST ORLANDO LAST ESPINO

WHAT ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY COUNCIL ARE:

MOST INTERESTING TO YOU? ALTEVITY I FIND MOST INTERESTING IS THAT THE COUNCIL BALANCES THE GENERAL INTEREST AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS WITH BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. IN ESSECE, THE CITY COUNCIL ARE "PROBLEM SOLVERS",

MOST CHALLENGING TO YOU? THE CITY COUNCIL FACES BUDGET CHALLENGES THAT CONTINUOUSLY HAVE TO BE ADDRESS. HOWEVER, ECONOMIC CHALLENGES CAN BE OVERCOME BY WORKING IN A COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP.

WHAT CITY PROGRAMS/PROJECTS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR IMPLEMENTED?

BUSINESS/JOB CREATION: ENHANCE  
PARKS/RECREATION: ENHANCE  
INFRASTRUCTURE: ENHANCE  
PUBLIC SAFETY: ENHANCE

HOW WOULD YOU APPROACH THESE PROJECT(S) OR PROGRAM(S)?

I WOULD UTILIZE A FULL FUNDAMENT APPROACH TO SEEK ADDITIONAL FUNDING, STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITIES HAVE ECONOMIC RESOURCES, SUCH AS GRANTS, THAT CAN BE HARVESTED TO MAXIMIZE ECONOMIC RESOURCES TO ATTRACT BUSINESS TO CALEXICO. PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS SHOULD ALSO BE DEVELOPED OR ENHANCED TO PROMOTE JOB CREATION IN CALEXICO. WITH STEADY ECONOMIC GROWTH, THE ABOVE PROGRAMS CAN BE ADEQUATELY FUNDED TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR RESIDENTS.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES THAT MAY RESULT IN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST IF YOU ARE APPOINTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL?

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE/EXPERTISE:

GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE - STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE/RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL?

ITS A POLICY MAKING BODY THAT RECEIVES INPUT FROM CITY STAFF AND RESIDENTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT AND PROJECTED FISCAL CONDITIONS.

Have you ever attended a meeting of this City Council?  YES  NO If so, how many? THREE

[Signature] Signature 06/12/2020 Date