



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2013

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**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON REAPPOINTMENT OF VELVA PRICE TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM AS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Ms. Velva Price, is the Chair of the Civil Service Commission. Travis County has benefitted from her invaluable service for many years. She is happy to continue serving should the Court reappoint her for another term.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

n/a

### **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

n/a

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

n/a



**SAMUEL T. BISCOE**  
COUNTY JUDGE

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November 19, 2013

TO:            Commissioners Court

FROM:        Samuel T. Biscoe, Travis County Judge

RE:            Re-appointment of Velva Price to the Civil Service Commission

Our Commissioners Court appointment to the Civil Service Commission will expire December 31, 2013. Velva Price, who is our current appointee, respectfully requests re-appointment. The term is for two-years. This memo serves as a reminder to the Court and to address any concerns or questions since this is a Court appointment.

History of our appointment from Lorrie Pickering, Program Director, Civil Service Commission. Local Gov't. Code 158 calls for the appointment of three Commissioners: one appointment to be made by the Sheriff; one by the District Attorney; and one by the Commissioners Court. It also gives authority to the Sheriff to designate one of the three as Chairperson.

Ms. Price was appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve on the Civil Service Commission in March 1996. In 1998, Sheriff Frasier named her the Chairperson, an office she currently holds.

The Civil Service Commissioners review, consider and approve all matters relating to policy, grievances, and all promotions and promotion processes within the Sheriff's Office. As chairperson, Ms. Price oversees the meetings, grievance hearings and serves as department head over the one employee, Lorrie Pickering.