

February 28, 2017
Chula Vista City Council
276 4th Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Members of the Chula Vista City Council,

My name is Oscar Romo, and I am writing to reiterate my interest in serving on the Measure P Citizens Oversight Committee

I got an invitation to be interviewed but unfortunately I am in Tacoma WA, lecturing at the University of Puget Sound until next week which prevented me to meet you personally.

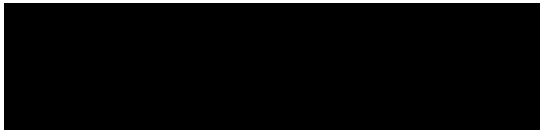
With close to four decades of professional experience in designing, supervising and implementing infrastructural projects around the world, 10 years of overseen U.S. government sponsored projects, four years serving as a diplomat with the United Nations Organization and 30 years of dedication to preserve the regional natural resources I believe I would be a perfect fit for this position.

I have a degree in architecture, and masters in urban planning, social housing, computer sciences and environmental science. For 17 years I have been teaching at the University of California, San Diego Urban Studies and Planning Program and 5 years as a lecturer at the Woodbury University Architectural School.

My work has been recognized by regional, national and international organizations and have received multiple awards for my public service. This morning I ran a Goggle search for "Oscar Romo San Diego" which resulted in 410,000 articles about my work in the region.

Finally I care about Chula Vista and its inhabitants where my wife, children, grandchildren, and parents live the town where we have resided for the past 37 years, a community that undoubtedly deserves my voluntary commitment.

Sincerely

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Oscar Romo

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Application for membership on the Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee

1. **Prefix**
(o) Mr.
2. **First and Last Name**
Robert W. Ziomek, Jr.
3. **E-mail**
[REDACTED]
4. **Home Address**
[REDACTED]
5. **City**
Chula Vista
6. **ZIP code**
91914
7. **Primary Phone**
[REDACTED]
8. **Secondary Phone**
[REDACTED]

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

11. How Long?

54 years

12. Present employer

Retired

13. Occupation

N/A

14. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

15. Which one(s)?

N/A

16. Have you previously served on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

17. Which ones?

n/a

18. Are you or have you been involved in any local, civic or community groups?

(o) Yes

19. Which ones?

Knights of Columbus

20. Certain seats on the Citizens' Oversight Committee require nomination by specific Nominating Authorities. If you are applying for one of these seats, please select your Nominating Authority below; otherwise, select "none":

(o) Chula Vista Fire Chief

21. ** This question is ONLY required for applicants who were nominated by one of the following Nominating Authorities, otherwise please enter "N/A":

- Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce - Nominees must have expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas: accounting, finance, engineering, or a related discipline (including construction).
- San Diego Taxpayers Association - Nominees must have expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas: accounting, finance, engineering, or a related discipline (including construction).
- Chula Vista Director of Public Works - Nominees must have expertise and experience in engineering or a related discipline (including construction).

Please describe your applicable experience and expertise in 250 words or less:

N/A

22. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas? (250 words or less)

My specific area of interest in the Chula Vista City Government is public safety. As a retired Chula Vista Fire Department Battalion Chief, I dedicated my 28-year career to providing only the best care and service to those who utilize the 911 emergency system. It is my belief that the primary responsibility of local government is to protect its citizens by providing a well trained and equipped force of firefighters.

Because of my 28-year career with the Chula Vista Fire Department and because of the Chief Officer level I attained, I bring a high level, first-hand knowledge of the fire service and especially the intimate workings, and needs of the Chula Vista Fire Department

I know that by ensuring Fire Department tools, equipment, and facilities are maintained in a constant state of readiness and repair, our firefighters will be enabled to better protect and serve our communities. As a 54-year resident of the City of Chula Vista, I will feel well accomplished knowing I made a positive impact as a member of this committee.

I believe that modern housing is needed to provide the most efficient and expeditious response of fire units. And that technology is key to ensuring rapid response and information flow to fire personnel committed to an emergency; and that fire engines, trucks, and rescue equipment must be purchased and maintained in a 7/24 state of readiness.

Being a former member of the Fire Department, I am also familiar with the importance of working well with others. I understand that as a committee member, it will be important to have a professional approach and willingness to reach agreement through solid reasoning, sound judgement and good communication. As a committee member, a focus on the members of the community will be vital.

23. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Member of the Citizens' Oversight Committee? (250 words or less)

It is my understanding that the City Council wishes to provide the utmost transparency to Chula Vista tax payers regarding Proposition P expenditures. The voters who supported this measure have placed their trust in City Council and other City leaders. Those who did not support the measure will be seeking strict adherence to funding purposes. It will be extremely important to ensure that tax payer dollars are spent as promised to the voters.

What I hope to accomplish, and what I will be dedicated to is ensuring strict oversight of Proposition P tax dollars and that the revenues generated by Proposition P are spent appropriately and for the reasons promised to the voters leading up to the November 2016 elections. My primary attention will be to advocate that monies are expended on the list of aging Fire Department equipment needs as well as years of deferred maintenance to Fire Department infrastructure such as fire stations, radio communications, station alerting, and breathing apparatus. I will also advocate for the purchase of a dependable fleet of emergency vehicles that will best serve the City for 10 years and beyond.

24. I understand that to be considered, I must submit a resume along with this application.

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25.

(o) I am familiar with the responsibilities of the Citizens' Oversight Committee. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided is accurate and true.

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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Robert W. Ziomek, Jr.



MEASURE P CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

EXPERIENCE

Fire Battalion Chief, City of Chula Vista Fire Department, Chula Vista, CA — 2007-2013

Plan, organize, direct and coordinate the activities of the suppression division within the fire department; perform responsible management, technical and administrative work in commanding and coordinating fire emergency operations, training and other programs and services; oversee and manage assigned staff; provide staff assistance to the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.

Fire Captain, City of Chula Vista Fire Department, Chula Vista, CA — 2000-2007

Perform supervisory and administrative duties in fire suppression and the training division; supervise and oversee a fire company which included training, day-to-day operations, and fire and/or medical emergencies; design and disseminate training standards and methods along with other administrative duties.

Fire Engineer, City of Chula Vista Fire Department, Chula Vista, CA — 1990-2000

Drive, operate, and maintain fire apparatus and equipment in response to fires and other emergencies and non-emergencies.

Firefighter, City of Chula Vista Fire Department, Chula Vista, CA — 1985-1990

Respond to fire alarms, emergency medical calls, and other emergency calls to protect life and property; participate in fire training, fire prevention, public education, station and equipment maintenance activities; and perform other related duties.

Sergeant, United States Marine Corps — 1980-1985

EDUCATION

Miramar College, San Diego, CA.

Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA.

Hilltop High School, Chula Vista, CA.

I am a lifelong Chula Vista resident. I retired after serving the citizens of Chula Vista for 28 years as a member of the Chula Vista Fire Department. I've carried out the duties in every fire suppression rank with the latter part of my career in leadership positions. I have been an incident commander on numerous emergency incidents and managed our facilities and personnel. As a citizen of our City, I would like to serve once again as a member of our Measure P Citizens' Oversight Committee.