

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST

Please email requests to the Mayor's Legislative Team
at MileHighOrdinance@DenverGov.org by 3:00pm on **Monday**.

All fields must be completed.

Incomplete request forms will be returned to sender which may cause a delay in processing.

Date of Request: November 5, 2013

Please mark one: Bill Request or Resolution Request

1. Has your agency submitted this request in the last 12 months?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

2. **Title:** *(Include a concise, one sentence description – please include name of company or contractor and contract control number – that clearly indicates the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)*

To approve the Mayoral appointments of Beverly Fenton and Benito Concha to the Denver American Indian Commission for terms effective immediately and expiring on July 11, 2015 OR until a successor is duly appointed.

3. **Requesting Agency:** Mayor's Office

4. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution.)*

- **Name:** Anthony Aragon
- **Phone:** 720-865-9032
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5. **Contact Person:** *(With actual knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution who will present the item at Mayor-Council and who will be available for first and second reading, if necessary.)*

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6. **General description of proposed ordinance including contract scope of work if applicable:**

[Insert general description here.]

****Please complete the following fields:** *(Incomplete fields may result in a delay in processing. If a field is not applicable, please enter N/A for that field – please do not leave blank.)*

- a. **Contract Control Number:**
- b. **Duration:** Terms effective immediately and expiring July 11, 2015
- c. **Location:**
- d. **Affected Council District:**
- e. **Benefits:**
- f. **Costs:**

7. **Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance?** *(Groups or individuals who may have concerns about it?) Please explain.*

[Start typing here.]

To be completed by Mayor's Legislative Team:

SIRE Tracking Number: _____

Date Entered: _____

Beverly Fenton, M.S. Ed
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Professional Objective: To continue my work as an advocate and change agent by promoting and supporting diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace.

Summary of Skills and Qualifications:

- Transformative leadership and management experience with an emphasis on providing greater educational access, opportunities and inclusion for marginalized populations
- Consensus builder with over 16 years highly successful administrative oversight of higher education and state diversity programs including grant management
- MESA Bridge Builder Award: Ability to communicate and collaborate with a wide range of diverse communities, organizations and stakeholders to bring our communities together to produce successful student learning outcomes

Professional Experience

Consultant: Aboriginal Heritage Office, Sydney, Australia (2007-present)

- Corporate and civic organization presentations regarding insights into successfully recruiting associates from culturally diverse populations
- Lectures for public schools and Sydney Public Library about American Indian history and the diverse native cultures in the United States
- Participated in Heritage Office guided tours of sacred aboriginal sites and provided historical context regarding American Indian sacred sites
- www.aboriginalheritage.org

American Indian Outreach Specialist, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC)(2009-2011)

- Represent SLCC statewide in recruiting efforts through presentations and tabling, local and statewide
- Engage students in the Horizonte Scholars Project (Horizonte is an alternative high school) through proactive counseling to include; financial aid, standardized testing, career assessments, admissions process, and first semester academic advising to increase retention and promote persistence
- Extensive individual and group counseling of at-risk students including tracking and proactive intervention initiatives to ensure successful transition from high school to community college and 4 year universities
- Campus tours and presentations for visiting schools, parents, groups, potential students

Director, American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) University of Utah (2008-2009)

- Member of advocacy team comprised of advisors for American Indian students, African American students, Hispanic/Latino students, Asian American students, Pacific Islander students, LGBT students
- Liaison between VA office and veterans to access education benefits to ensure seamless entry into higher education
- Responsible for all American Indian educational and cultural programming, and public relations as well as leading collaborative initiatives with numerous University departments and tribal councils within the region to procure numerous internship, academic and scholarship/financial aid opportunities
- Personnel, building facilities and budget management
- Liaison/recruiter for School of Medicine Dean of Admissions

Pre-Professional Advisor, University of Utah (2006-2008)

- Presentations for Campus Orientation, Campus Tours, Bi-Monthly Student Info Sessions
- Academic advisor and counselor for students preparing to enter medical professions

Director, Native American Student Services, Colorado State University (NASS)(1998-2004)

- Published: Journal of American Indian Education, Volume 45, Number 1, 2006
- Researched and compiled data for 20 year Program Review of NASS
- Proposal and grant participation with College of Veterinary Science
- Increased retention from 20% to 46%; equal to highest rate recorded in 1986 as reported by Office of Budgets and Institutional Analysis
- Member of CSU Advocacy Team
- Initiated new internships with Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs and City of Fort Collins Museum
- Personnel and budget administration

Executive Director, Utah MESA/STEP Consortium (1997-1998)

- Administered annual budget of \$450k comprised of multiple restricted and unrestricted accounts from state, corporate and foundation monies
- Oversight of MESA program in 70 public schools and 120 MESA advisors, STEP program in two universities and one community college
- Coordinated program assessment and initiatives with MESA/STEP Board of Directors which included administrators from K-12 and higher education sectors, as well as Corporate and Technical Advisory Committee, and Public Relations

Education

M.S. Ed Guidance and Counseling/Student Personnel Administration
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
State of Illinois Board of Governor's Minority Scholar

B.A. Sociology
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

Benito Concha

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Education

- High School Diploma (1983)— Taos High School, Taos, NM
- Languages Spoken: **Tiwa & English**

Positions Held:

Tribal Government, Taos Pueblo, NM

- The one year terms below represent appointments by Tribal Council to Tribal Government to serve and govern the affairs of Taos Pueblo. Terms in the Governor's office relate to service and work regarding the people and community programs. Terms in the Warchief's office relate to governing and implementing the policies and procedures that protect all natural resources at Taos Pueblo. The work of Tribal Government is complex and the projects listed below are a small sample of the things I did during these years. It was an honor to serve my family and community.
 - Warchief Secretary, 2011
 - Re Established Tribal Boundaries shared with the state of NM
 - Held EPA accountable implementing the safeguards the EPA had previously established regarding the waterways and rivers of Taos Pueblos
 - Wrote all reports & directed a staff of nine men
 - Warchief Secretary, 2006
 - Oversaw the design of the project to transfer and relocation of big horn sheep to re establish the species in the Rio Grande Corridor
 - Solidified and created Taos Pueblo Wilderness & Ecology Department Program
 - Wrote all reports & directed a staff of nine men
 - Governor Staff Member, 2004
 - Attended and negotiated all Taos Pueblo self governance meetings with US Department of Interior/ Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Coordinated and organized an All Indian Pueblo Governors Council meeting for the 19 Pueblos of NM
 - Personal Assistant to Taos Pueblo Governor for the year while attending all conferences and meetings both locally and nationally
 - Wrote all reports
 - Warchief Staff Member, 2000
 - Field work implementing the programs of the Warchief
 - Crew boss for two major fires that occurred on Taos Pueblo
 - Lead the background research to develop an aviary at Taos Pueblo

Work

- **Buffalo Thunder**, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Engineering Supervisor for 5 a diamond resort, 2009-12
- **Mountain Comfort**, Taos, NM, Furniture design and wood-working, 2009
- **Taos Pueblo Health & Community Services**, Taos Pueblo, Appointment Transport Driver for Tribal Members, 2007-2008
- **Taos Pueblo Home Improvement Program (HIP)** Coordinated a federal housing

- program for Taos Pueblo Home Improvement Program at Taos Pueblo
- o **Director**, Taos Pueblo, Brought to life the CHIP In Program (Conscious Housing for Indigenous People In Need) which resulted in over 22,000 hours of volunteer time for Taos Pueblo, 2005
 - o **Interim Director**, Taos Pueblo, 2003
 - o **Construction Manager**, Managed all phases of construction from intakes with residents, from design to occupancy, & volunteer construction workers, March 2001-December 2003
- **Home Construction** at Taos Pueblo & the Town of Taos 1999

Music & the Arts

I am a drummer and a traditional dancer. My dances include the Taos Pueblo Hoop Dance and the Taos Pueblo Eagle Dance. Some of my music partnerships are listed below.

Songs of the Hummingbird

- North and South American Indigenous Music combined to create Song of the Hummingbird (Partnership: Benito Concha & Mazatl Gallindo)
- Performed NM, AZ, CO, CA, & NY

Sacred Drums Concert, Caribbean Cultural Center, NY, NY

Tribe, A Native American Dance Story, AZ (1997) & MN (1998)

Earth Celebration, KODO, Sado Island, Japan, Musical Director (1997-1998)

Red Thunder (1990-1996)

- Native American Acoustic Rock Band, drug and alcohol free group which delivered messages from indigenous elders. (Partnership: Benito Concha, Mazatl Gallindo, Paul Martinez, & Robby Romero)
- Performed nationally and internationally

Robbie Robertson Collaborations

- Underworld of Red Boy (Grammy Nominated)
- Red Road Ensemble

Secret Souls

- Indigenous music and instruments combined with indigenous dance ((Partnership: Benito Concha, Mazatl Gallindo, & Cary Morin)