

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BOARD APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: January 14, 2014
Department: Cooperative Extension Service
Submitted by: Cooperative Extension Service
Advisory Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve: Appointment of Jesus Garza to complete the term of Burton Ashton, Seat No. 8, for the term noted below.

(A) Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category, Seat Number</u>	<u>Expire</u>
Jesus Garza	Vegetable Industry, Seat 8	9/30/15

Summary: Based on Resolution No. 94-1760, nine (9) agricultural related entities were requested to nominate one (1) member each to the Agricultural Enhancement Council (AEC). The nine members represent the following agricultural industry areas: Farm Bureau, Agricultural Value Added Industry; Agricultural Finance, Vegetable Industry, Sugar Cane Industry, Nursery Industry; an Agricultural Supplier and the Equestrian Industry. Countywide (AH)

Background and Justification: The Agricultural Economic Development Program requires direct input from the agricultural industry. Resolution No. 94-1760 provided an opportunity for the industry to nominate representatives to serve on the AEC. These individuals are nominated to meet specific criteria necessary to implement the Agricultural Economic Development Program approved December 6, 1994, by the Board of County Commissioners (Resolution 94-1760). The Council consists of nine (9) members with 7 seats currently filled and a count of white: 7 (100%). The gender ratio (male:female) is 8:1. The appointee Jesus Garza is Hispanic.

- Attachments: 1. Board Appointment Information Form
 2. Resolution No. 94-1760
 3. List of Current Board Members

Recommended By: Audrey R. Norman 12/13/2013
Department Director Date

Legal Sufficiency: Anne Welyand 12/17/13
Assistant County Attorney Date

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARDS/COMMITTEES APPLICATION**

*The information provided on this form will be used by County Commissioners and/or the entire Board in considering your nomination. This form **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Further, please attach a biography or resume to this form.***

Section I (Department): (Please Print)

Board Name: Agricultural Enhancement Council Advisory Not Advisory
 At Large Appointment or District Appointment /District #: _____

Term of Appointment: 3 Years. From: _____ To: _____

Seat Requirement: Western Palm Beach County Vegetable Industry Seat #: 8
 *Reappointment or New Appointment

or to complete the term of Burton Ashton Due to: resignation other
Completion of term to expire on: 2015

*When a person is being considered for reappointment, the number of previous disclosed voting conflicts during the previous term shall be considered by the Board of County Commissioners: _____

Section II (Applicant): (Please Print)

APPLICANT, UNLESS EXEMPTED, MUST BE A COUNTY RESIDENT

Name: Garza Jesus Alberto
Last First Middle

Occupation/Affiliation: Agribusiness
Owner Employee Officer

Business Name: Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Inc.

Business Address: P.O. Box 2015

City & State Belle Glade, Florida Zip Code: 33430

Residence Address: 216 NW Avenue D

City & State Belle Glade, Florida Zip Code: 33430

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: 561-996-7621

Cell Phone: 561-261-1209 Fax: 561-996-1354

Email Address: jesus.garza@duda.com

Mailing Address Preference: Business Residence

Have you ever been convicted of a felony: Yes _____ No

If Yes, state the court, nature of offense, disposition of case and date: _____

Minority Identification Code: Male Female
 Native-American Hispanic-American Asian-American African-American Caucasian

Section II Continued:

CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS: Pursuant to Article XIII, Sec. 2-443 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, advisory board members are prohibited from entering into any contract or other transaction for goods or services with Palm Beach County. Exceptions to this prohibition include awards made under sealed competitive bids, certain emergency and sole source purchases, and transactions that do not exceed \$500 per year in aggregate. These exemptions are described in the Code. This prohibition does not apply when the advisory board member's board provides no regulation, oversight, management, or policy-setting recommendations regarding the subject contract or transaction and the contract or transaction is disclosed at a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. **To determine compliance with this provision, it is necessary that you, as a board member applicant, identify all contractual relationships between Palm Beach County government and you as an individual, directly or indirectly, or your employer or business.** This information should be provided in the space below. If there are no contracts or transactions to report, please verify that none exist. Staff will review this information and determine if you are eligible to serve or if you may be eligible for an exception or waiver pursuant to the code.

<u>Contract/Transaction No.</u>	<u>Department/Division</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>	<u>Term</u>
Ex: (R#XX-XXXX/PO XXX)	Parks & Recreation	General Maintenance	10/01/11-09/30/12
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Attach Additional Sheet(s), if necessary)

OR NONE

All board members are required to read and complete training on Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and read the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment prior to appointment/reappointment. Article XIII, and the training requirement can be found on the web at: <http://www.palmbeachcountyethics.com/training.htm>. Keep in mind this requirement is on-going.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, and I have received the required Ethics training (in the manner checked below):

- By watching the training program on the Web, DVD or VHS
 By attending a live presentation given on _____, 20____

AND

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Guide to the Sunshine Amendment & State of Florida Code of Ethics:

*Applicant's Signature: *Jesus A. Garza* Printed Name: Jesus A. Garza Date: 11-25-13

Any questions and/or concerns regarding Article XIII, the Palm Beach County Code of Ethics, please visit the Commission on Ethics website www.palmbeachcountyethics.com or contact us via email at ethics@palmbeachcountyethics.com or (561) 233-0724.

Return this FORM to:
Melissa Allman, Cooperative Extension Service
559 N. Military Trail
West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Section III (Commissioner, if applicable):

Appointment to be made at BCC Meeting on: _____

Commissioner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Pursuant to Florida's Public Records Law, this document may be reviewed and photocopied by members of the public.

Revised 08/01/2011

Name: Jesus Alberto Garza (Jessie)
Address: 216 NW Avenue D. Belle Glade, Fl.
Email: jesus.garza@duda.com

I was born in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. I came to the United States at the age of six. I am the 7th of ten children, 5 boys and 5 girls. I have been married for 26 years to my high school sweetheart. We have four children, two boys and two girls. The oldest is a high school teacher in Plant City; a Buckeye graduate. Our second son is a senior currently attending USF; Go Bulls! and our two girls attend Royal Palm Beach High; go Wildcats! I am a grandfather to one granddaughter and soon to be two this upcoming January. I have been working at Duda for 29 years and currently hold the position as General Manager.

RESOLUTION NO. R-94-1760

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY,
FLORIDA, CREATING THE AGRICULTURAL
ENHANCEMENT COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, the agriculture and food processing industry has been identified as one of the four base industries in Palm Beach County with tremendous opportunities for job creation; and

WHEREAS, an Agricultural Economic Development Program (hereinafter the "Program") has been prepared, presenting an indepth proposal to enhance agriculture, and agriculture marketing, research, and diversification; and

WHEREAS, the Program calls for the establishment of the Agricultural Enhancement Council to make recommendations concerning the promotion of opportunities in Palm Beach County, including the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Creation. . . There is hereby created the Agricultural Enhancement Council (hereinafter the "AEC") which shall serve as an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners on matters concerning agricultural businesses and associated topics within Palm Beach County.
2. Purpose/Duties. The purpose and goal of the AEC is to identify promotion opportunities in Palm Beach County, including the Program, and to provide recommendations on the oversight and direction of same. The AEC shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding the implementation of all enhancement activities associated with agricultural economic development in the County, except the administration of the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program.
3. Membership. The AEC shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Appointments shall be made from a slate of nominees who represent business associated interests in the County, members of the farming community, and other citizens associated with agriculture in the County. The nominees shall be forwarded for final approval to the

Board of County Commissioners by the various entities identified next to the categories set forth below.

- a) One agricultural reserve agricultural producer and land owner (Rangeline Coalition) *GLBGM*
- b) One coastal agricultural producer outside the Agricultural Reserve (Palm Beach County Farm Bureau) *Dica*
- c) One representative of the sugar cane industry (Sugar Cane Industry) *MLN*
- d) One agricultural lender (Farm Credit of South Florida) *WAMS*
- e) One nurseryman (Palm Beach County Wholesale Growers Association and the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Palm Beach County Chapter) *Willson*
- f) One marketer, wholesaler, or processor of agricultural products (Cooperative Extension Service) *SAVAN*
- g) One representative of the agricultural support industry (Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau) *MST*
- h) One vegetable producer from the Everglades Agricultural Area (Agricultural Awareness Council) *BANTON*
- i) One representative from the equine industry (Palm Beach County Horse Industry Council) *DAN*

All AEC members must be residents of Palm Beach County and owners or operators of an agricultural business within the county other than the agricultural lender at the time of appointment and while serving on the Council. The entities making recommendations shall be encouraged to review the qualifications of the members of the Citizens Agricultural Committee and, if any member meets the qualifications set forth herein, those members so qualified shall be given first consideration as appointment recommendations.

4. Term. Each member shall serve for a period of three (3) years. There shall be no limit on the number of terms an individual may serve.

5. Meetings. Reasonable public notice of all AEC meetings shall be provided and all such meetings shall be open to the public at all times. A quorum must be present for the conduct of all meetings. A majority of the members appointed shall constitute a

quorum. All meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

6. Attendance at Meetings. Members shall be automatically removed for lack of attendance. Lack of attendance is defined as: failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or failure to attend more than one-half of the meetings scheduled during a calendar year. Participation for less than three-fourths of a meeting shall constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences due to illness, absence from the county, or personal hardship, if approved by vote of the AEC, shall not constitute lack of attendance. Excused absences shall be entered into the minutes at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the AEC. Members removed under this paragraph shall not continue to serve until a new appointment is made and removal shall create a vacancy.

7. Ethics. Members shall be governed by the applicable provisions of the Palm Beach County Ethics Resolution No. R-94-693. Abstention from voting due to a conflict of interest on more than three separate matters during any calendar year shall result in automatic removal.

8. Powers. The AEC shall have the authority to:

A. Hold public information meetings for the purpose of receiving public input on matters relating to the agricultural industry. All meetings shall be held in accordance with Section 286.011, Florida Statutes.

B. Review and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on all matters relating to problems and programs affecting the agricultural industry in Palm Beach County.

C. Recommend priorities for maintaining and promulgating the existence of agricultural industries within the County.

D. Recommend methods to facilitate the continued operation of agricultural businesses within Palm Beach County.

9. Fiscal Responsibility. Funding for agriculture enhancement related programs shall be through the Cooperative Extension Service budget. The County Extension Director shall have the responsibility for administering the funds. Future funding for the agriculture enhancement programs may be supplemented by fees

from a Palm Beach County agricultural products logo. Further funding will be sought from federal and state programs promoting agriculture.

10. Administration The County Extension Director of the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service will act as the executive staff member to the AEC. An Economic Development Coordinator and support staff will be hired by the County Extension Director to implement the Agricultural Economic Development Program, taking into consideration the recommendations of the AEC. Offices of the AEC and its staff will be provided at the Clayton E. Hutcheson Agricultural Center.

11. Consultants and Specialists. The County Extension Director shall, as necessary, recommend contracts with outside resources, including the University of Florida, specialized nonprofit organizations and independent private consultants to assist in the implementation of AEC programs.

12. Travel Reimbursement. Travel reimbursement is limited to expenses incurred only for travel outside Palm Beach County necessary to fulfill AEC member responsibilities when sufficient funds have been budgeted and are available, and upon the prior approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

13. Annual Report. The AEC shall submit an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. The form, substance, and submittal dates for annual reports are established by a Policy and Procedure Memorandum (PPM).

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Aaronson who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Newell, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed as follows:

COMMISSIONER MARY McCARTY	- Aye
COMMISSIONER KEN L. FOSTER	- Aye
COMMISSIONER KAREN T. MARCUS	- Aye
COMMISSIONER CAROL A. ROBERTS	- Aye
COMMISSIONER WARREN H. NEWELL	- Aye
COMMISSIONER BURT AARONSON	- Aye
COMMISSIONER MAUDE FORD LEE	- Aye

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly

passed and adopted this 6 day of December, 1994.

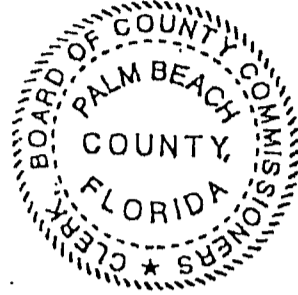
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

BY Vivian E. Lewis
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Denise M. Russo
County Attorney



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ATTACHMENT 3

LIST OF NOMINEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Recommended by</u>	<u>Seat #</u>
Glenn Whitworth	Eastern PBC, Vegetable Industry	1
Rick Roth	Farm Bureau	2
Antonio De Corral	Sugar Cane Industry	3
Angela Pope	PNC Bank	4
William Churchill	Nursery Industry	5
Stephen Basore	Agricultural Value Added Industry	6
Matthew Miller	Agricultural Supplier	7
Jesus Garza (Nominated for Replacement for Burton Ashton)	Western PBC Vegetable Industry	8
Daniel P. Coffman	PBC Horse Industry Council	9
