



# TEXAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Enclosed is an informational copy of a news release from the Office of the Governor announcing three new appointments by Governor Bush to the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC).

TREC Chairman Jay Brummett has welcomed each of the new members to the Commission and said he was "very pleased with the exceptional qualifications and expertise that each of the Governor's appointees will bring to TREC's deliberations. Their experience with consumer and real estate transactions," Brummett said, "will provide important and meaningful insight into many complex matters that the Commission will be addressing in the future, ranging from such issues as cutting edge Internet marketing to educational requirements for real estate licensees."

The first meeting of the Commission to include the newly appointed members will be held on **Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**. Among agenda items to be considered will be a review of proposed real estate licensing requirements for out-of-state residents; the revamping of rules governing acceptable educational courses for real estate brokers and salespersons; and possible adoption of five new standard promulgated contract forms. **Commissioners will meet beginning at 9:00 AM in Conference Room #235 of the Texas Real Estate Commission Headquarters, 1101 Camino La Costa, in Austin.**

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**For Immediate Release**

September 14, 1999

**Office of the Governor**

George W. Bush

### **Governor Announces Appointments to Real Estate Commission**

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AUSTIN – Governor George W. Bush today announced the appointment of three members to the Texas Real Estate Commission. All will serve terms ending January 31, 2005. The commission regulates and licenses real estate brokers and salesmen for the state of Texas.

James N. Austin, Jr. of Fort Worth is president of the Austin Company, a commercial real estate firm. He is a member of the National Association of Realtors and has more than 16 years experience in commercial real estate. He serves on the boards of directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth, Women's Haven of Tarrant County, Inc., North Texas Public Broadcasting, Inc. and the Crime Prevention Resource Center. In addition, he is the founder of the Renaissance Cultural Center in Fort Worth, and is a member of the Fort Worth International Rotary Club and the Citizens Crime Commission of Tarrant County. Austin is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, D.C. and will replace Hazel Lewis of Arlington, whose term expired.

Ramon M. "Mick" Cantu of Houston is a senior associate with the law firm of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. where he specializes in transactional healthcare law. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the American Bar Association and the American Health Lawyers Association. He is also actively involved in the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program and represents disabled young clients before administrative law judges to challenge denial of social security insurance benefits. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a bachelor's degree in management science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Cantu will replace Mitchell Katine of Houston, whose term expired. He will serve as a public member on the commission.

Lawrence D. Jokl of Brownsville is vice president of BorderPlex Realty, Inc., specializing in commercial sales, counseling and management. He is past president of the Brownsville/South Padre Island Board of Realtors and a member of the National and Texas Associations of Realtors and the International Council of Shopping Centers. Jokl was the recipient of the Realtor of the Year award in 1995. Active

in numerous civic and community organizations, he is a council member of the Rio Grande Council Boy Scouts of America, past president of both the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and the North Brownsville Rotary Club and past chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Brownsville Navigation District. In addition, he has taught at Southmost College for more than 12 years. Jokl attended Texas Southmost College, the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus and the University of Houston. He will replace Pete Cantu of San Antonio, whose term expired.

The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.

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