



MYRON LOWERY
Mayor Pro Tem

October 16, 2009

The Honorable Shea Flinn
Chairman
Personnel, Intergovernmental & Annexation Committee
City Hall - Room 514

Dear Chairman Flinn:

Subject to Council approval, it is my recommendation that:

Billy Orgel

be appointed to the Memphis & Shelby County Port Commission with a term expiring April 30, 2011.

I have attached biographical information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Myron Lowery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Myron Lowery
Mayor Pro Tem

ML:rb

c: Council Members



City of Memphis

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION
APPOINTMENT TO BOARD/COMMISSION
Port**

BOARD/COMMISSION

Name: William Elkas Orgel Date of Birth: August 20, 1963

Business Address: 4091 Viscount Avenue, Memphis, TN 38120 Phone: 901-794-9494 x 102

E-Mail Address: billy@towerventures.com

Profession/Employer: Tower Ventures, LLC

Education: 1985 BBA University of Texas at Austin

Name of Spouse: Robin Salky Orgel Number of Children: 3

Home Address: 6415 Ronald Road Phone: 901-763-3381

City: Memphis State: TN Zip: 38120

I certify that I am a resident of the City of Memphis (Unincorporated areas and surrounding counties are not considered). Yes or No _____ If yes, how long? 9.5 years

Professional Organization/Associations: Downtown Kiwanis Club

Other Organizations/Association: Temple Israel Synagogue Board President, National Civil Rights Museum Board Member, Past Board Chair Bridges, Inc.

Other Interests: Running, golf, travel

Signature _____

Date 10-18-09

William E. Orgel
6415 Ronald Road
Memphis, Tennessee 38120
901-870-7555

William E. Orgel (Billy) is a native of Memphis, Tennessee and is a graduate of Memphis University School. He earned a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985. After graduation, he moved to Memphis to work at his family business, Majestic Communications, which he helped build into the area's largest retailer of Motorola two-way radio equipment as well as the largest private licensee of 800MHz FCC licenses. Due to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 there began an emergence of multiple wireless phone carriers across the country, and Billy began to build on his existing portfolio of communications towers by performing build to suit services for these new carriers. His company that he runs with his partners, Tower Ventures, currently own over 400 towers and they have built and sold 280 towers since the company began. Currently, Tower Ventures leases tower space in over 30 states and is the 6th largest private tower company in the country. Billy is the President of the Board of Trustees at Temple Israel Synagogue and former Co-Chair of their 25 million capital campaign. He is a Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bridges, Inc, where he chaired the Building Committee for their new facility. Billy is also a past Board Member of the New Memphis Arena Public Building Authority that oversaw the construction of the FedEx Forum. In addition, he is a member of the Board of the National Civil Rights Museum and a former Board member of Playhouse on the Square. In 1999, Billy was selected by the Memphis Business Journal as one of their "Top 40 Under 40" of local community leaders. In addition, Billy is an Organizer and Director of the First Capital Bank located in Germantown, Tennessee. Over the years, Billy became interested in preserving historic buildings in Downtown Memphis, and to date he and his partners have completed the construction and preservation of 6 buildings that include commercial space and 63 apartments. Within the same historic district they are constructing a new apartment building with 92 units which will be available in May, 2010. Billy is also involved in the restaurant business as a franchisee of Ruth's Chris in Rogers, Arkansas and Lenny's Sub Shops in Dallas, Texas. He and his wife, Robin Salky Orgel, are life long Memphians and have three children, Benjamin (17), Megan (14), and Hannah (10).

**MEMPHIS AND SHELBY COUNTY
PORT COMMISSION
7 MEMBER BOARD
OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED
2 Year Terms**

***3 APPOINTED BY THE CITY
2 APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY***

2 EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS THAT REPRESENT BOTH MAYORS

Members		Address	Term Expires
City			City
Aviotti, Pete (Regional City)	M/W	1741 Overton Park Avenue Memphis, TN 38112 Res: 901-274-1747	April 30, 2009
Collins, Jerry	M/W		Ex-officio
Fisher, Thomas* (Chairperson-City)	M/W	<i>140 Val Halla Cove Memphis, TN 39018 Res:901-754-28788 Bus: 901-575-9985</i>	April 30, 2009
Moore, Johnny Jr. (City)		<i>3586 Fairwood Cove Memphis, TN 38125 Res:901-748-1236 Bus:901-523-3227</i>	March 11, 2009
Orgel, Billy	M/W	<i>6415 Ronald Road Memphis, TN 38120 Res:901-763-3381 Bus:-901-870-7555</i>	April 30, 2011
County			
Fox, Ted (County)			Ex-officio
Hancock, Henry (County)		<i>Unavailable</i>	March 7, 2006

Humphrey, Folk Jr. (County)	<i>Unavailable</i>	June 3, 2006
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*CHAIRPERSON
