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**MIKE CARRELL ELECTED CHAIRMAN
OF PORT CORPUS CHRISTI COMMISSION**
*San Patricio County appointee Judy Hawley and City of Corpus Christi
appointee Robert Kostelnik also take oaths of office*

Corpus Christi, Texas – On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Mike Carrell was unanimously elected Chairman of the Port Corpus Christi Commission. Before the Commission meeting, San Patricio County appointee Judy Hawley and City of Corpus Christi appointee Robert "Bob" Kostelnik were sworn in by Nueces County Judge Loyd Neal. Kostelnik, a former CITGO-Corpus Christi refinery plant manager, is the newest Port Commissioner. He was appointed to the Port Commission by the Corpus Christi City Council on November 8, 2009 to replace Port Chairman Ruben Bonilla, who has completed three terms of service to the Port. Judy Hawley, a sitting Port Commissioner, received her re-appointment from San Patricio County.

Bonilla, who has served the maximum number of terms, received a resolution of appreciation from the Port plus several other accolades and best wishes from other Commissioners.

Joining Mike Carrell as officers of the Port Commission will be Richard Borchard as Vice Chairman and Judy Hawley as Secretary-Treasurer. Their elections were also unanimous.

Carrell, a City of Corpus Christi appointed Commissioner serving on the Port Commission since 2002, is President of Frost National Bank. Carrell graduated from Carroll High School and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master of Engineering from Texas A&M University. He also has a Master of Business Administration from Corpus Christi

State University. Carrell serves on the board of numerous community organizations including USS Lexington Museum on the Bay, United Way, Corpus Christi Town Club, Corpus Christi Banker's Association, Driscoll Children's Hospital Development Board, and Buccaneer Commission. Other community involvement includes Boy Scouts of America, South Texas Institute for the Arts, Corpus Christi Rotary Club, and C.C. Bay Area Economic Development Corporation.

Richard Borchard, a Nueces County appointed Commissioner since 2009, holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters Degree from Texas A&I University and currently is Director of Client Relations at the law firm of Lineberger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson. Borchard served as Nueces County Commissioner from 1981-1994 and then Nueces County Judge from 1994-2002. His community involvement includes Texas Association of County Judges and Commissioners Association, South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, State of Texas Tobacco Settlement Permanent Trust Account, Administration Advisory Committee, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Highway 77 & 281 Coalition for I-69, Nueces County Juvenile Board, Homeport Steering Council, State Job Training Council, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Alliance for I-69 Texas Executive Committee, Greater Corpus Christi Business Alliance, Council of Urban Counties, United Way Board of Governors and Board of Directors NorWest Bank.

Judy Hawley, a San Patricio County appointee, has served on the Commission since 2004. Following her first career of teaching and coaching tennis, Judy Hawley served four terms in the Texas House of Representatives. During her tenure in the House, she focused her legislative agendas around issues which impacted rural Texas. She served as Vice-Chair of both the Transportation and Energy Resources Committees and authored numerous bills relating to those industries. Additionally, she served on the Agriculture and Livestock Committee and sponsored major legislation for the agricultural producers in the state. As Chair of the Rural Caucus, she carried the legislation establishing the Office of Rural Community Affairs which coordinates rural issues among the state agencies and serves as a resource for rural communities. Serving as the Vice-Chair of the House Military Caucus, Ms. Hawley carried the legislation which established both the Texas Military Preparedness Commission and the Office of Defense Affairs. Ms. Hawley represented Texas as Vice-Chair of the Southern States Energy Board and as a member of the National Energy Council. She serves on numerous community boards including those of the South Texas Institute of the Arts, South Texas Public Broadcasting, Corpus Christi

Regional Economic Development Corporation, Texas Maritime Museum, Regional Leaders Forum and Citizens for Educational Excellence.

Kostelnik, currently President and CEO of Cinatra Clean Technologies, Inc., has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and holds certifications from numerous professional development courses including the Harvard University Executive Leadership program. He is a Registered Professional Engineer from the Missouri University of Science and Technology Academy of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Kostelnik is also a member of the National Petrochemical and Refineries Association, the Association of Chemical Industry of Texas (currently the treasurer) and the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance.

Bob Kostelnik's involvement in the Corpus Christi community includes board positions with the United Way of the Coastal Bend, the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce and the Port Industries of Corpus Christi.

Outgoing Port Chairman Ruben Bonilla holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Dr. of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas at Austin Law School and is a partner with Law Firm Bonilla & Chapa, P.C. □His current community involvement and organizational affiliations include Chairman of Corpus Christi MPO, World Affairs Council, South Texas Institute of the Arts, LULAC, American GI Forum, and Board of Trustees for Tx A&M CC . Bonilla's professional affiliations include the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association and the Nueces County Bar Association. He has assisted in establishing many scholarships throughout this community including the Dan Purcell Scholarship Fund, Ruben Bonilla, Sr Memorial Scholarship, Maria Bonilla Scholarship, Bay Area Sports Most Valuable Player Scholarship and Jim Fisher Memorial Scholarship. His involvement in the community has been recognized through such honors as the Cecil Burney Humanitarian Award, Robert Baldwin, Award, Heroes of Children Award, and President's Award from the H. Boyd Hall Branch of the NAACP to name a few.

The Port Corpus Christi Commission is composed of seven commissioners who serve without pay. The City of Corpus Christi appoints three commissioners, Nueces County appoints three and San Patricio County appoints one. Port Commissioners can serve up to four terms of three years each if they are re-appointed by the institution they represent.