

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Austria

RELEASED IN FULL

CANDIDATE: Alexa Lange Wesner

Alexa Lange Wesner, President of Be One Texas, Austin, Texas, has pursued an impressive career in civic engagement and public service. She is known for her talented leadership, resourcefulness, organizational and administrative excellence, and success in building productive civic partnerships among the business community, all levels of government and civil society. A seasoned spokesperson, organizer and philanthropist – with lifelong multicultural experience – Ms. Wesner will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Austria, a key U.S. partner within the European Union.

Other civic non-profit and private sector leadership positions held by Ms. Wesner in Austin, Texas include: President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities (2008-Present), President & Director of Texas Civic Engagement Table (06/2010-Present), President & Director of Engage Texas (06/2010-Present), President & Director of Texas Research Institute (01/2011-Present), President of Progress Texas (02/2011-Present), Secretary of Lux Amenity (01/2010-Present), Director of Breakthrough Austin (11/2003-01/2009), Advisor of Austin Museum of Art/Arthouse (2004-2008), Director of Lifeworks, (12/2005-06/2008), Treasurer of Blue Texas (GPAC) (05/2008-12/2008), Director of Austin Film Society (09/2007-08/2011), Director of GenAustin (05/2001-09/2004), President of Hire TECH (09/1997-01/2002), Marketing Director of Trilogy Software (1996-1997), Recruiting Director of Trilogy Software (1994-1996).

Ms. Wesner earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Human Biology from Stanford University, California. She speaks German.

She has been an All-American Runner (1987-1990), named to the 100 Best Athletes of All Time in Northern Virginia, an All-American Masters Swimmer (2003), and a Triathlon World Qualifier – Amateur (2003).

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