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A member of the Kansas City Parks Board **resigned** after her **membership** in an anti-illegal-immigration **group** led two organizations, the National Council of La Raza and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to hold their annual conventions elsewhere. The board appointee, Frances Semler, 74, a member of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, said she **resigned** because her involvement with the **group** had become too contentious and because she did not feel that Mayor Mark Funkhouser supported her. Ms. Semler defended her involvement with the **group**, which advocates vigilante patrolling of the Mexican border and reports illegal immigrants. "I'm a decent, nice person that happens to belong to the Minutemen and thinks our borders should be protected and our laws upheld," she said.

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