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ETHICS COMMISSION SELECTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dorothy L. W. Smith, Chairperson of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's selection of Stacey Fulhorst to serve as Executive Director of the Ethics Commission. Mrs. Fulhorst has a distinguished thirteen-year career as an investigator. She has worked for the City of San Diego since 1998. She was an Investigator for the Office of the City Attorney for four years and, for the past two years, has been the Investigator for the City of San Diego Ethics Commission.

Her experience also includes seven years as Managing Investigator and Supervisor of Investigators at Bowers and Associates. Mrs. Fulhorst's selection by the Ethics Commission must be confirmed by the City Council. In a letter sent to Mayor Dick Murphy today presenting Stacey Fulhorst for Council Confirmation, Chairperson Smith wrote, "Stacey Fulhorst is well prepared to assume the position of Executive Director of the Ethics Commission. She has not only carried out the responsibilities of Investigator in a most outstanding manner, but she has also participated closely in all aspects of enforcement, policy matters, education and training, and legislative reform. She is an excellent legal researcher and communicator, and she has amply demonstrated her abilities as an administrator. Her selection will provide for a seamless transition as the Ethics Commission prepares for a challenging 2004 election cycle."

According to Dorothy Leonard of the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on Personnel, 21 persons submitted completed applications to the City Clerk by the October 31, 2003 deadline. Initially, Commissioners interviewed seven of those applicants and then narrowed the pool to two applicants who were invited for a second interview. By a unanimous vote on November 24, 2003, the Commission agreed to offer Stacey Fulhorst the position.

Former Executive Director Charlie Walker highly recommended Mrs Fulhorst, referring to her as "intelligent, articulate, proactive, energetic, resourceful, dependable, and motivated."

Upon approval by the City Council, Mrs. Fulhorst will become a non-classified management employee with a salary of \$90,000 per year.

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