



**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : May 5, 2008
TO : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council
FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders
SUBJECT : Appointment to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

It is with pleasure that I appoint Jose Cervantes to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, subject to your confirmation.

Jose "Pepe" Cervantes is a Social Worker for Child Welfare Services for the County of San Diego's Deaf Services Unit, managing cases where there is at least one deaf or hearing-impaired family member in a home receiving case services. Mr. Cervantes has worked for the County of San Diego since 2005 and previously worked as an Overpayment Human Services Specialist responsible for reviewing and monitoring overpayment referrals from Medicaid caseworkers. He also worked as a Procurement & Contracting Administration Intern, and a Medicaid Human Services Specialist. As an Administration Intern, Mr. Cervantes performed contract monitoring to ensure contracts and contractors were in compliance with contract regulations and conducted site visits to ensure adherence to contract requirements and certifications. In his role as a Medicaid Human Services Specialist, Mr. Cervantes determined eligibility for Medicaid, and managed caseloads that included senior citizens and disabled individuals. Mr. Cervantes was also the Director of Political Affairs for the College Democrats of America from 2004-2005, and created the Summer Speaker Series on Capitol Hill which resulted in increased membership and opportunities for Congressional members to speak to interns. Mr. Cervantes holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Galludet University. His professional work experiences in public service have led him to pursue a Masters of Public Administration from San Diego State University. Mr. Cervantes will achieve this honor in May of this year.

Mr. Cervantes is also passionately involved in serving the community and is specifically committed to reaching out to those affected by gangs. He has seen the impact gangs can have on a community and lives, and wants to make a concerted difference to intervene and prevent gang violence. Mr. Cervantes is also a member of the Board of Directors for Deaf Community Services of San Diego, and the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees Advisory Council. Mr. Cervantes was nominated by Councilmember Frye and resides in Linda Vista. He will serve as the Council District 6 representative on the Commission on Gang

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Prevention and Intervention and will replace Rosemary Ortega, who has resigned, for a term ending July 1, 2009.

I ask for your confirmation of this appointment to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention and that you join me in thanking Mr. Cervantes for his willingness to serve the citizens of San Diego in this capacity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JS', is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland
Executive Director of the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention Lynn Sharpe-Underwood