



Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders

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SANDERS APPOINTS THREE AND REAPPOINTS THREE TO THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

San Diego – Mayor Jerry Sanders has appointed Priscilla Ann Berge, John Howard Eisenhart, and Robert A. Vacchi, and reappointed Maria Curry, P. David Marshall, and Louis Otto Emme for service on the Historical Resources Board, subject to City Council confirmation.

Ms. Berge is a historical resources consultant and avid volunteer. She is a historian by profession and meets the Secretary of the Interior's standards for professional qualifications in history. She holds a Master of Arts degree in American Studies from San Diego State University. Ms. Berge actively participated in the development of the American Indian Studies program at San Diego State University as a lecturer and teaching assistant. Ms. Berge devotes significant time to volunteering in support of preserving historical resources, as a docent, and is presently coordinating the nomination of a Kensington suburb as a residential historic district. Ms. Berge will replace Lloyd A. Schwartz, who has resigned, for a term ending March 1, 2007.

Mr. Eisenhart is an Architect and owns the San Diego firm he founded in 2003, UNION. The firm works in contemporary residential, multifamily and historical renovation and restoration fields. Mr. Eisenhart received his B.S. in Architecture and M.A. in Architecture with distinction from the University of Michigan. Mr. Eisenhart was licensed in the State of California in 1995. From 1989 to 1998 he lived in various Western American cities, including Portland, Seattle, San Jose and San Diego and since 1998 has resided in San Diego. He is active in civic affairs as a member of the Save Our Heritage Organization Board of Directors and as a volunteer with the Uptown Partnership. Mr. Eisenhart will replace Homer Delawie, whose terms have expired, for a term ending March 1, 2008.

Mr. Vacchi is an Associate attorney at the firm of Wertz, McDade Wallace Moot & Brower where he represents clients in all aspects of land use law. Mr. Vacchi is experienced in permit processes, pre-development planning and the managing both small and large scale development projects through the entitlement process.

Mr. Vacchi has served previously, as Code Enforcement Manager for the City of Chula Vista and prior to that as a Land Development Planner for the City of San Diego. Mr. Vacchi holds a J.D. degree from the University of San Diego and an M.A. and B.A. in History from the University of San Diego. Mr. Vacchi has many civic and professional associations including service as Chair of the Real Estate Section of the San Diego County Bar Association, as a board member of the Peninsula YMCA and as a board member of the Point Loma Little League. Mr. Vacchi will replace Marsha Sewell, whose terms have expired, for a term ending March 1, 2008.

Each of these candidates for appointment and reappointment bring experience and skills which are necessary and specific to the work of the Historical Resources Board.

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