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## **ETHICS COMMISSION SELECTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The City of San Diego Ethics Commission announced today its selection of Charles B. Walker to serve as the Commission's first Executive Director. Mr. Walker currently serves as Chief Division Counsel and Ethics Officer to the San Diego office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), a position he has held since 1994. Mr. Walker, an attorney, has been with the Bureau for 30 years. Mr. Walker's selection by the Commission must be confirmed by the City Council.

In a letter sent to Mayor Dick Murphy today presenting Mr. Walker for Council confirmation, Ethics Commission Chair Dorothy Leonard wrote, "His [Mr. Walker's] experience in conducting investigations, issuing formal ethics opinions and providing standards of conduct training and ethics advice to employees make him well qualified for the position. . . . We are delighted that an individual with his capabilities is interested in and enthusiastic about serving as our first Executive Director."

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According to Ethics Commissioner Greg Vega, a member of the Commission’s ad hoc committee on personnel, 29 persons submitted completed applications to the City Clerk by the September 28, 2001 deadline. Initially, Commissioners interviewed six of those applicants and then narrowed the pool to three applicants who were invited for a second interview. By a unanimous vote, the Commissioners offered Mr. Walker the position.

“Charlie Walker’s exemplary career with the FBI has been characterized by intelligence and integrity, respect for individuals and the highest regard for the rule of law. That he has chosen to embark on a second career in service with the Ethics Commission should make all San Diegans proud,” remarked Lisa Foster, the second member of the Commission’s ad hoc personnel committee. If confirmed by the Council, Mr. Walker will be a non-classified management employee whose salary will be \$90,000 per year.

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