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# **Mayor Appoints New Chair to the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture**

*NEW CHAIR TAKES HELM OF COMMISSION MEETINGS BEGINNING TODAY*

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced the appointment of Janet Konstantin Poutré as the new Chair of the City of San Diego’s Commission for Arts and Culture following the term of Larry Baza. Poutré has served on the Commission since 2014.

**“We welcome Janet to her new post and thank Larry for the tremendous strides the Commission has made in equity and inclusion under his leadership,” said Mayor Faulconer. “Janet’s commitment to entrepreneurship in communities makes her the right person to build upon and advance the Commission’s progress.”**

Janet Konstantin Poutré is the founder, owner and editor of Clairemont Community News. She formerly served as president of the Clairemont Chamber of Commerce and as a board member of the San Diego County Apartment Association. Poutré’s talent for entrepreneurship and innovation led to the creation and launch of AptBiz.com, a website for the owners and managers of apartment communities nationwide. In 2001, Poutré was chosen as a counselor for a Vassar College program to teach entrepreneurship skills. Poutré was born in New York City and was raised on museums, Broadway shows, and piano lessons. She holds a BA in Art History from the State University of New York, College at Potsdam and currently lives in Clairemont with her husband and their dogs.

**“Janet brings a holistic understanding of the Commission’s work as she is one of the few Commissioners who has served on all the Commission’s committees,” said Dana Springs, Executive Director of the Commission for Arts and Culture. “She has expertise in the housing industry which is invaluable to the conversations taking place about sustainability of the arts and culture community. We’ve heard repeatedly that affordable housing and workspaces for artists and the affordability and availability of performance and exhibition spaces in San Diego’s neighborhoods are critical concerns.”**

## **About the Commission for Arts and Culture**

The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on promoting, encouraging and increasing support for the region's artistic and cultural assets, integrating arts and culture into community life and showcasing San Diego as an international tourist destination.

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