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TWO APPOINTED TO THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE BY COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

SAN DIEGO, CA (February 24, 2011) - The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) has appointed two new members to serve on the Public Art Committee which advises the Commission on issues related to art in the public realm and management of the artworks owned by the City of San Diego.

Vicki Reed, Chair of the Commission and of the Public Art Committee noted, "The insights and expertise provided by Public Art Committee members is what helps the Commission maintain a public art program and an art collecting mission that is broadly relevant to San Diego's residents and visitors. The Commission truly appreciates the time and contributions of all the volunteer committee members who work to strengthen San Diego's arts and culture community."

Public Art Committee members include both members of the Commission and members of the community. They are experts in arts administration, art, design, planning or community engagement. They advise on policies and procedures and serve on ad hoc panels to select artists for public art commissions. Kevin J. deFreitas (92106), Principal at Kevin deFreitas Architects, and Lillian Perry (92103), Associate Registrar for the San Diego Museum of Art, were appointed by the Commission to the Public Art Committee for one-year terms beginning in January 2011. DeFreitas and Perry join fellow community members Vernon Franck, Constance Y. White, Roman de Salvo and Mathieu Gregoire. Additionally, Commissioner Larry Baza was appointed as Vice Chair of the Public Art Committee. He joins fellow Commissioners Joanne Hayakawa and Reed in serving on the committee.

The Commission's Public Art Committee typically meets on the first Thursday of each month. Learn more about the Commission and its Public Art Committee at <u>www.VibrantCultureVibrantCity.com</u>

The mission of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture is to vitalize the community by integrating arts and culture into community life, supporting the region's cultural assets, and showcasing San Diego as an international cultural destination.