



City of San Diego

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 12, 2013

TO: Council President Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Kevin L. Faulconer 
Councilmember Scott Sherman 

RE: Request to Re-Docket Port Commission Appointments

The Port of San Diego is a critical component of our regional economy, an important environmental resource, and a central part of San Diego's culture and identity. It is critical that the City of San Diego have full representation on the Port Commission as soon as possible.

It is disappointing that the City Council was unwilling to override the Mayor's veto of two Port Commissioners at the February 11, 2013 Council meeting, leaving two of the City's three appointments vacant. Over the next few months the Port Commission will adopt its budget, determine capital improvement priorities, bring the Convention Center expansion to the California Coastal Commission, and consider many other important issues. Even today the Port Commission is discussing updating the Port's master plan, a discussion in which the City of San Diego is dramatically under-represented.

Because of the critical need to have full representation on the Port Commission as soon as possible, **we request that you docket a vote on Port Commission appointments at the City Council meeting of Monday, March 11.** This is the first opportunity for the Council to appoint port commissioners after the Rules Committee establishes guidelines and process during Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner's "workshop" on Wednesday, March 6.

We encourage the Council President's office to begin accepting nominations from Councilmembers immediately, which allows over three weeks for nominations. At the March 11 Council meeting, the Council can weigh these nominees according to the guidelines established at the March 6 Rules Committee "workshop" and make appointments.

Appointing new Port Commissioners on Monday, March 11 will ensure that the City establishes full representation on the Port Commission as soon as possible while allowing the Rules Committee to establish guidelines and a clear process for appointments.

cc: Honorable Bob Filner, Mayor
Honorable Members of the City Council
Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk