




**OFFICE OF INTERIM MAYOR TODD GLORIA  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** November 4, 2013  
**TO:** Honorable City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Interim Mayor Todd Gloria   
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of the Chief Financial Officer

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I am pleased to report the appointment of Mary Lewis as the City of San Diego's Chief Financial Officer effective December 2, 2013, subject to confirmation by the City Council.

San Diego Charter section 265(i) provides that "during the period of time when an appointment or election is pending to fill a vacancy in the Office of Mayor, the presiding officer of the Council shall be vested with the authority to...exercise other power and authority vested in the Office of the Mayor when exercise of such power and authority is required by law." Charter Section 39 states, "The Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council." Pursuant to Charter Section 260(b), "all executive power, authority, and responsibilities conferred upon the City Manager in Article V...shall be transferred to, assumed, and carried out by the Mayor."

Lewis, who served as Chief Financial Officer for the City of San Diego from 2008 to 2012 returns after having served as Chief Financial Officer for the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS) for the past 20 months.

As the CFO of SDCERS, Lewis oversaw the finances of an organization that serves 20,000 members and manages assets of more than \$6 billion. Prior positions include serving as CFO/COO of Alliance Healthcare Foundation and holding senior management positions at for-profit and non-profit healthcare companies. She is a member of the League of Cities California Committee on Municipal Accounting. She holds a Master's Degree in Business from Columbia University and a Master's of Arts in English Literature from the University of Missouri.

Ms. Lewis is the consummate professional. Her competent leadership was one of the reasons the City was able to emerge from the past decade's financial problems in relatively solid shape. I have complete faith in her ability to steer this city in a prudent financial direction and look forward to her confirmation.

cc: Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith  
Scott Chadwick, Chief Operating Officer  
Stacey LoMedico, Assistant Chief Operating Officer  
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst  
Liz Maland, City Clerk