




COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO
City of San Diego
Eighth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 2021

TO: The Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Vivian Moreno, Eighth District 

SUBJECT: Nomination of Dr. Yessica Diaz Roman to the Human Relations Commission

It is my great pleasure to nominate Dr. Yessica Diaz Roman for appointment as a member of the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission.

Dr. Roman is actively involved in the San Diego community and has focused her efforts on promoting diversity and improving the health and well-being of those in need. She is currently a lecturer at San Diego State University, School of Public Health and an Instructor at Southwestern College (SWC). She has demonstrated her commitment to helping others as a mentor for SWC's Puente Program and as a member of the Outreach Committee for the Association of Women in Science in San Diego.

Dr. Roman is a former board member, Hermanitas mentor, and health chair for MANA de San Diego. Currently, she serves as a board member for Latinas in Medicine where she helps to promote and contribute to the advancement of Latinas pursuing a career in medicine. She is a recent graduate of LEAD San Diego's Advance Class of 2020, The Center on Policy Initiatives' Boards and Commissions Leadership Institute, RISE San Diego's Urban Leadership Fellowship, and MANA de San Diego's Latina Success Leadership Program, which has provided her with the training, preparation, and advocacy skills necessary to serve on a board or commission.

Dr. Roman earned her doctoral degree from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and master's degrees in public health and social work from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She would make an exceptional Human Relations Commissioner as she has strongly demonstrated her commitment as a community advocate for improving health equity and inclusion programs available to all. Her public health and social work background will greatly enhance the mission of the commission. Thank you for your favorable consideration of this outstanding candidate.