



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2013

TO: Dana Springs, Commission for Arts and Culture

FROM: Walt Ekard, Interim Chief Operating Officer 

SUBJECT: Executive Director, Commission for Arts and Culture

Due to the resignation of Denise Montgomery on July 25, 2013 from the unclassified position of Executive Director of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission), I appoint Dana Springs to serve as the Interim Executive Director of the Commission effective immediately and until a permanent candidate is appointed through the City's formal recruitment process.

Dana Springs is an arts administrator with over 15 years of public and private sector experience managing projects and programs involving artists. On staff at the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture since 2000 and in the role of Public Art Program Manager since 2005, Springs administers two "percent-for-art" programs: 2% for art in public construction projects undertaken by the City of San Diego and 1% for art in private development projects. In addition to administering the commission of new artworks for installation in neighborhoods throughout San Diego, Springs manages the care and exhibition of the more than 1,000 City-owned artworks in the Civic Art Collection. At the New Central Library, Springs is overseeing the permanent installation of the largest exhibition of City-owned artworks in the City's history. She is collaborating with the Port of San Diego and Civic San Diego to realize public art in major redevelopment projects including the North Embarcadero Phase 1 redevelopment and the Horton Plaza Park redevelopment. Springs previously served as Chair of the San Diego International Airport's Art Advisory Committee, member of the Balboa Art Conservation Center's Board of Trustees and Co-Chair of the Public Art Coalition of Southern California. Springs holds a B.A. in Visual Art from UCSD and was named by San Diego Magazine as one of "50 People to Watch" in 2013. Springs previously held the role of Interim Executive Director of the Commission for 21 weeks between December 2012 and June 2013.

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