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MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REAPPOINTS FIVE TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

September 30, 2009 - San Diego, CA - Mayor Jerry Sanders announced the reappointment of Colette Carson Royston, designating her as the Chair of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. Carson Royston has served as Chair since September 2007. “The Commission has excelled under her chairmanship and has made tremendous progress in advocating for arts and culture and increasing public art opportunities throughout the City of San Diego,” said Mayor Sanders.

Colette Carson Royston has experienced a long career in cancer care. As an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist/cancer consultant her focus has been on research and education, demonstrated in numerous publications in the field of oncology and service on many healthcare-related boards. She has served on the boards of The San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Women’s Foundation, San Diego Opera and the Museum of Contemporary Art. She lives in La Jolla.

The Mayor and City Council also reappointed Joanne Hayakawa, Lewis Klein, Lorin Stewart and John Venekamp.

Joanne Hayakawa has been a Professor of Art at San Diego State University since 1982. Ms. Hayakawa’s artistic talents and more than 33 years experience within the arts arena has allowed her to teach, lecture, and exhibit at galleries, universities, museums, art centers, and diverse art venues throughout the country and internationally. She has also lectured on her own work and public art in San Diego, throughout the United States and at the State Institute of Ceramics in Faenza, Italy. Ms. Hayakawa received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington. Ms. Hayakawa resides in Scripps Ranch.

Lewis Klein is Account Vice President for UBS. He is past Board President of Sledgehammer Theater and has been on the board of Eveoke Dance Theater. He serves on the Development Committee of the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego. He is a Director for the National Conflict Resolution Center and on the Investment Policy Committee for the Jewish Community Foundation. Mr. Klein is a member of the President’s Club of the Salk Institute. Mr. Klein is a resident of Golden Hill.

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Lorin Stewart, executive director of San Diego Tourism Marketing District, is responsible for the administration and development of the nonprofit mutual benefit corporation dedicated to improving tourism and hotel room night consumption in the City of San Diego. Mr. Stewart started his career in the hospitality industry in 1989 when he joined the Old Town Trolley Tours San Diego, a subsidiary of Historic Tours America. He was later named general manager in 1993. Promoted to Historic Tours of America's Director of San Diego Operations, he implemented the creation of the SEAL Tours of San Diego and facilitated oversight for the Old Town Market development project. Mr. Stewart has a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Santa Clara University. Mr. Stewart lives in Rancho Peñasquitos.

John Venekamp is a real estate broker and marketing expert. An advocate and supporter of the arts in New York City, Mr. Venekamp worked with numerous arts organizations there including the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, Lincoln Center Performing Arts, and Twyla Tharp Dance Company. Since moving to San Diego, he has been active in the local arts community. Mr. Venekamp resides in Rancho Santa Fe.

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

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