KEVIN L. FAULCONER
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 30, 2014

TO: Honorable Todd Gloria, Council President
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer

SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board

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It is my pleasure to appoint Ms. Teresa Barker and Ms. Kathleen Harmon, as well as reappoint Mr. Burton Disner, Ms. Erskine Garrett, and Ms. Evie Kosower, to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board. It is also my pleasure to appoint Mr. William Kelly as Chair of the Senior Affairs Advisory Board.

Ms. Teresa Barker is currently enrolled in the Management of Aging Services Masters Degree Program within the Department of Gerontology at the University of Massachusetts Boston and is set to graduate in the spring of 2015. She earned her undergraduate degree in Music Therapy from Marylhurst University in West Linn, Oregon. Ms. Barker spent six years working as a music therapist in various clinical environments in the Portland area, primarily serving seniors. Ms. Barker co-founded a private music therapy agency based on a unique co-facilitated service model. Ms. Barker has worked as a senior wellness class instructor, as well as a motivational writer, and has developed an original class format for seniors combining movement and live interactive music making called "Rhythmoves." Currently, she volunteers for a senior services organization in San Diego and provides part-time caregiving for a local family.

Ms. Kathleen Harmon is the founder of San Diego Peace Coalition. Peace Coalition is a non-profit 503(c) created after the untimely death of her eldest granddaughter Chaleta Atina Robertson on July 23, 2005. Ms. Harmon received her double masters degrees in May 1978, from San Diego State University School of Social Work where Ms. Harmon graduated top of her class. Her professional career includes nursing at Mercy Hospital, Social Worker/Group Counselor at House of Hope (Boys' Group Home), Social Worker at San Diego County Welfare Department, and Funeral Assistant at Anderson-Ragsdale's Mortuary. Ms. Harmon is one of the major participants in assisting San Diego community's bereaved families. She assists by making follow-up visits following a loss and ensures these families are knowledgeable of resources available to them, including grief counseling organizations and health care.

Ms. Teresa Barker and Ms. Kathleen Harmon will join Mr. Burton Disner, Ms. Erskine Garrett, and Ms. Evie Kosower in advising the Mayor and City Council regarding the special challenges faced by the elderly in San Diego.

Mr. William Kelly was appointed to the Senior Affairs Advisory Board earlier this year and has shown tremendous initiative and vision in a short time. His appointment as Chair will allow him to achieve the objectives he has set forth in his continued advocacy for the elderly.

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cc: Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
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