



OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 23, 2013
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: Nominations to the Municipal Golf Committee

It is my pleasure to nominate Kurt Carlson, Albert Bruton, Susan Casagrande, and Megan Mahoney for appointment to the Municipal Golf Committee.

Kurt Carlson is a Principal Landscape Architect and urban designer with KTU+A with over 30 years of experience. With a focus on place-making and functional landscape design, Mr. Carlson has successfully completed many award-winning design projects in diverse markets of the public and private sector. His experience includes corporate and biotechnical campuses, retail centers, colleges and universities, cultural and historical facilities, park and recreation, high-profile resorts, and entertainment/hospitality projects that incorporate sustainable design, water conservation, and smart growth urban design principles.

Mr. Carlson also has extensive experience in the design and preparation of landscape master plans at parks and golf courses throughout San Diego, including the Balboa Park Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse and Parking Lot, the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse and Parking Lot, Mission Sports Park, Valley Center Road and Heritage Trail, and the Ocean Beach Gateway. This experience in creating plans for City properties that have included community participation will be extremely beneficial to the committee. Mr. Carlson is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and the California Park and Recreation Society. He is also the Co-Chair of the Water Conservation Industry Working Group, and a member of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Community Planning Group as well as the ACE Mentorship Program. Mr. Carlson received his Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I believe his expertise in landscape architecture will be a great addition to the committee.

Albert Bruton has extensive experience with the Balboa Park Golf Course and was a long-term employee of the City of San Diego in the Park and Recreation Department. Mr. Bruton is entering his 4th year as President of the Balboa Park Men's Golf Club where he has been a member of the Board of Directors for the past twelve years and a member for the past twenty years. He has also spent six years as Captain of the Balboa Park Senior Match Play Team and is a member of the San Diego County Seniors Golf League.

Mr. Bruton was an employee of the Park and Recreation Department for 26 years and retired in 1986 as a Lifeguard Lieutenant. During his time with the City of San Diego he served as staff to the San Diego-La Jolla Underwater Park Committee and occasionally served as staff to both the Park and Recreation Committee and the Mission Bay Park Committee. This understanding of City committee structures will be beneficial to the newly formed Municipal Golf Committee. Mr. Bruton served a six month special assignment under former Mayor Pete Wilson to the United

States State Department and the World Lifesaving Association to establish and train lifeguard services for Tijuana and Rosarito Beach, Baja California. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Society of Media Photographers and is the Ocean Enhancement Chair on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Oceans Foundation. I believe his experience as a staff member with the City of San Diego and longtime member of the Balboa Park Men's Golf Club makes him a great representative of the Balboa Park Golf Course Men's Club.

Susan Casagranda is the President of the Torrey Pines Club Corporation which runs The Golf Shop at Torrey Pines. In this role, she is one of the long-term lessees on the Torrey Pines Golf Course and is responsible for various operational duties including merchandising, management, and accounting. Ms. Casagranda has run the Torrey Pines Club Corporation for more than 23 years and brings a long-term understanding of challenges and opportunities facing lessees at City of San Diego Municipal Golf Courses. She served as a member of the Golf Advisory committee from 1991 to 2003 and a member of the Golf Ad-Hoc Committee from 2011 to 2012. Ms. Casagranda also volunteers her time to the United States Golf Association where she has assisted with merchandising at the United States Open since 2002. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Arizona State University. I look forward to the first hand experience as a lessee that she will bring to the committee.

Megan Mahoney is the Executive Director of the San Diego Junior Golf Association. In this capacity, she is responsible for association management, strategic planning, fundraising, and tournament administration. The San Diego Junior Golf Association is for children five to seventeen living in both San Diego and Tijuana. The Association is respected for pioneering junior golf programs for over 60 years in the City of San Diego. Under the leadership of Ms. Mahoney the Association will continue its commitment to enriching the lives of youth through the game of golf. Prior to joining the San Diego Junior Golf Association, Megan was the Executive Director of the Charley Hoffman Foundation where she was responsible for foundation management, fundraising, and special event promotion. She continues to be a volunteer with the Charley Hoffman Foundation and is a member of the United States Golf Association. Ms. Mahoney received her Bachelor of Science degree in Outdoor Recreation from San Diego State University. Her experience in youth golf programming as well as foundation management and fundraising will be an asset to the committee.

I ask that you confirm these appointments, and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give their time and expertise to serve the City of San Diego in this capacity.

cc: Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk