



**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : November 8, 2012

TO : Council President Tony Young & Honorable Members of the
San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the San Diego Convention
Center Corporation Board of Directors

It is my pleasure to appoint Laurie Coskey to the San Diego Convention Center Corporation Board of Directors, subject to your confirmation.

As a Jewish child, Rabbi Laurie Coskey remembers her mother and father giving of themselves in the community -- trying to create a more just world. That is why since 2001, Rabbi Laurie has served as the Executive Director of the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice. The ICWJ represents clergy, churches, mosques, synagogues, faith and justice organizations, and people of faith in the San Diego region who, called by their respective religious traditions, work for justice and stand beside the poor and marginalized. In partnership with low-wage workers, who are trying to obtain justice in the workplace, ICWJ brings visibility to the struggle of hard working individuals and working families trying to make ends meet in San Diego County through campaigns in the workplace, with policy makers, and around critical issues such as living wage policies, policies that seek to protect working families, and immigration reform. Rabbi Laurie is the Co-Chairperson of CLUE CA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice – California) the statewide federation of interfaith worker justice organizations, and a Board Member of Interfaith Worker Justice, the national alliance.

Deeply committed to public education, she is Chairperson of the San Diego Community College District Trustee Advisory Board. As an expert in multi faith relationships, she is Rabbi in Residence at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and Chair of the interfaith table of the Jewish Community Relations Center. She has been recognized for her contributions through numerous awards.

In 2010 she was officially named "Friend of Pride". She was designated the 2009 Woman of the Year for the 76th Assembly District. In 2008 she was the recipient of the CAHRO (California Association of Human Rights Organizations) Civil Rights Leadership Award which honored her legacy of leadership as an individual who has made outstanding contributions to California in the area of human and civil rights. She received the 2008 Outstanding Career Award from the School of Education and Leadership Sciences at the University of San Diego.

Rabbi Laurie completed her undergraduate studies at Stanford University and received Rabbinic ordination at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in 1985. After serving a large San Diego Congregation for eight years, she completed her doctorate in Leadership Studies from the University of San Diego in 2000. She was awarded her Doctorate of Divinity in 2010. Her almost thirty year career as a rabbi has been marked by a commitment to issues of social justice. For almost twenty years, she has been the spiritual leader of an inclusive and diverse Jewish community that celebrates holy days together. She is very proud of her two grown sons Marshall and Aaron.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Laurie Coskey for her willingness to give her time and expertise to serve the City of San Diego in this critical capacity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JSL", written in a cursive style.

JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland