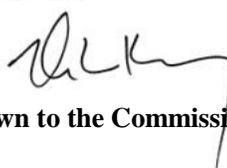




City of San Diego
MARK KERSEY
CITY COUNCILMAN, FIFTH DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 25, 2015
TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin Faulconer
FROM: Councilman Mark Kersey 
RE: Nomination of Michael Brown to the Commission for Arts and Culture

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Michael Brown to serve as a District Five Representative to the Commission for Arts and Culture.

Mr. Brown is Associate Curator of European Art at the San Diego Museum of Art, having served previously from 2007-2013 in the New World curatorial department at the Denver Art Museum. He earned his Ph.D. in 2011 from New York University's Institute of Fine Arts with a dissertation on Spanish Colonial and Spanish portrait painting.

As a post-doctoral research associate at the Denver Art Museum, he curated *Personal Effects: Art and Home in South America*. Mr. Brown has taught as a visiting lecturer at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and University of Denver. He has published widely, contributing essays on Colonial portraiture to catalogues for the Brooklyn Museum, Denver Art Museum, and Fomento Cultural Banamex, Mexico City. In 2015, he curated *Divine Desire: Printmaking, Mythology, and the Birth of the Baroque* at The San Diego Museum of Art and authored its companion publication.

Mr. Brown resides in Rancho Bernardo with his wife Danielle, and two young sons. I am confident that his enthusiasm and expertise in the arts will be extremely valuable to the commission. I respectfully request Mr. Brown for appointment to the Commission for Arts and Culture.

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cc: Honorable Councilmembers
Francis Barraza, Director of Appointments
Diana Jurado-Sainz, Director of Legislative Affairs