



**KEVIN L. FAULCONER  
MAYOR**

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**DATE:** November 13, 2015

**TO:** Honorable Sherri Lightner, Council President  
Honorable Councilmembers

**FROM:** Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to the Accessibility Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Ms. Elaine Cooluris, Ms. Michelle Crisci, Mr. Adam Ringler, Ms. Sandra Miles, Ms. Sharla Hank, Ms. Patricia Sieglen-Perry, Ms. Rachel Chapman, Mr. Israel Martinez, and Mr. Wayne Landon to the Accessibility Advisory Board.

Ms. Cooluris has been the Executive Director of Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc. for over thirty years. She has implemented education and workforce development programs aimed at people with disabilities and low income populations, including at-risk youth and homeless veterans. Ms. Cooluris previously worked as an Employment Specialist with the Salvation Army and a Case Manager with the Ventura County Department of Social Services-Fraud Unit. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Southern California and attended a Master's Program in Rehabilitation Counseling at the University of Hawaii.

Ms. Crisci is currently the American with Disabilities Act, Section 504, Title IV, and Gate coordinator for San Diego Unified School District(SDUSD). She was previously a teacher and a school psychologist also at SDUSD. Throughout her career, Ms. Crisci has Developed Assisted Rescue Procedures for individuals with disabilities, and assisted in coordinating the communication within the SDUSD in order to complete physical access upgrades to school facilities. She received a Master's degree in Psychology from National University.

Mr. Ringler is currently the Director of Performance Improvement at the San Diego Zoo. He previously worked for several theme parks over the last two decades, including Wet 'N Wild, Inc Waterparks, Mountasia Family Fun Centers, and San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park. At the Wild Animal Park, Mr. Ringler held the positions of Assistant Operations Manager, Assistant Director of Operations, Associate Director of Operations, and Director of Operations. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Ms. Miles is currently the owner of Accessibility Specialists, an accessibility consulting firm. She previously worked as the Certified Access Specialist at Atkins North America and as the Assistant Project Manager at RBF Consulting Firm. Ms. Miles served on the County of

Orange Accessibility Committee and volunteered with the San Diego Chapter of Architects of America.

Ms. Hank is the President and Co-Founder of Down Syndrome Action, where she has worked to advocate for individuals with intellectual disabilities since 2007. She previously acted as the vice president of the Down Syndrome Action organization. Ms. Miles has worked and volunteered with organizations such as All Hallows Academy and Ascension Catholic Church.

Ms. Sieglan-Perry is currently the Executive Director at Deaf Community Services. She previously worked as the Disability Services Coordinator for the City of San Diego, where she worked to develop the City's Transition and Self Evaluation Plan in order to comply with the American's with Disabilities Act. She currently serves on the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the San Diego Port District.

Ms. Chapman leads the Pacific Coast Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Government Relations Committee, where she has been fundamental in establishing priorities and forging strategies for issue resolution. She won Advocate of the Year in 2011 for her work in helping those with Multiple Sclerosis. Ms. Chapman also served on the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries Board for several years. She attended Pacific Oaks College where she received her Master's degree in Human Development.

Mr. Martinez currently works as the Director of Client Services at the San Diego Center for the Blind. He previously worked as the Orientation and Mobility(O&M) Supervisor for the VA Long Beach Healthcare System and the Blind Rehabilitation Specialist for the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System. Mr. Martinez presently serves on the board of the California Association of O&M Specialists. He attended California State University, Los Angeles, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Art and a Master's Degree in Special Education.

Mr. Landon is currently the Government Relations Director at Paralyzed Veterans of America. He previously worked as the Transitional Counselor at Fort Belknap College, where he assisted with transfers from tribal to traditional colleges and assisted in both personal and academic counseling. He served on the Veteran's Advisory Board, the Disability Action Coalition, the San Diego Police Chief Disabilities Advisory Board, and the Veterans' Employment Committee. Mr. Landon is a veteran of the United States Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from the University of Montana.

I would like to thank Ms. Cooluris, Ms. Crisci, Mr. Ringler, Ms. Miles, Ms. Hank, Ms. Sieglan-Perry, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Landon for their willingness to serve in this capacity and am confident they will bring valuable insight and expertise to the Accessibility Advisory Board.

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cc: Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney  
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