



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : September 17, 2008

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Commission for Arts and Culture

It is my pleasure to appoint Sharletta Richardson to the Commission for Arts & Culture, subject to your confirmation.

Sharletta Richardson has more than 36 years experience in the fields of music, education, and artistic performance. Her exemplary career in teaching music began in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1972, and she has impacted the lives of thousands of students through her outstanding teaching skills and expertise. Ms. Richardson's diverse range of courses taught includes chorus, piano, music history and theory, marching and concert bands, drill team, drum line, women's ensemble, and gospel choir. Ms. Richardson has taught courses at Gompers School at the secondary, middle, and high school levels from 1978 – 2007. She currently teaches choir and piano at the Center for the Arts at Lincoln High School. In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Ms. Richardson is an acclaimed master class flute soloist and has performed in and directed numerous instrumental and choir performances.

Ms. Richardson's expertise, talents, outstanding teaching skills, and musical influence on thousands of children has been recognized and honored by various organizations and educational entities. Ms. Richardson received the U.S. President's Volunteers of America Award, Japan Fulbright Memorial Teachers Award, Job Corp Performing Arts Volunteer Award, San Diego Urban League Educator's Award, UCSD Educator's Award, and San Diego City Schools' Instrumental Teacher, and Secondary Teacher of the Year Awards. Due to Ms. Richardson's many contributions to the San Diego community, KPBS & Union Bank of California honored her with the 2008 Black History Month Local Hero Award in Education.

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Ms. Richardson has also been very active with various professional and industry associations including the American Choral Directors Association, California Teachers Association, National Education Association, San Diego Teachers Association, and Southern California Band & Orchestra Association. Ms. Richardson's passion, expertise, and wealth of knowledge of the performing arts will be a valuable asset to the Commission for Arts and Culture.

Ms. Richardson received a Master of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public School Music from Virginia State University. Ms. Richardson was nominated by Councilmember Tony Young. She will replace Thomas DiZinno, who has resigned, for a term expiring August 31, 2010. She resides in Mira Mesa.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Ms. Richardson for her willingness to give of her time, talents, and expertise to serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS

Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland