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DATE: October 15, 2015
TO: Honorable Sherri Lightner, Council President
Honorable Councilmembers
FROM: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer 
SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments to the Arts & Culture Commission

It is my pleasure to appoint Mr. Michael Brown and Ms. Virginia Jackson as well as reappoint Ms. Laurie Mitchell, Mr. Macedonio Arteaga, Mr. Larry Baza, and Mr. Vernon Franck to the Arts and Culture Commission. Additionally, I would like to designate Mr. Baza as Chair of the Commission for a second term.

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. 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.

Ms. Jackson is an Adjunct Professor at the San Diego Community College District where she teaches reading and composition. Before joining the district, she was a teacher with San Diego Unified School District for more than 10 years. Ms. Jackson holds a Masters of Education degree in Cross Cultural Teaching and a Master of Arts degree in African American Studies. She is a Charter Member of the Commission for Arts and Culture Education and Advisory Committee and a Charter Member at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

I would like to thank Mr. Brown, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Arteaga, Mr. Baza, and Mr. Franck for their willingness to serve in this capacity and am confident they will bring valuable insight and experience to the Arts and Culture Commission.

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