



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : January 16, 2009

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Centre City Development Corporation Board of
Directors

It is my pleasure to appoint Manuel Oncina to the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors, subject to your confirmation.

Manuel Oncina, FARA, is the President & Principal of Manuel Oncina Architects, Inc., a full service architectural design firm specializing in a diverse range of architectural, planning, and interior design projects. Mr. Oncina established the corporation in 1984, and over the last 24 years, the firm has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for its unique approach to architecture and architectural design. As the firm's founding principles are based on providing functional, sustainable, economical, and innovative design, Mr. Oncina has pursued and provided inspirational architectural services for projects ranging from public libraries, public works projects, park structures, research facilities, mixed-use buildings, water treatment plants, office facilities, transportation projects, and telecommunications facilities. Mr. Oncina's history of architectural excellence, consensus-building nature, and keen sense of aesthetics and environmentally-sensitive design are just a few of the reasons why his firm is often selected for a diverse range of projects.

Mr. Oncina's architectural expertise and volume of work includes the award-winning design of many San Diego County public libraries including the Cardiff-by-the-Sea Branch Library, Earl and Birdie Taylor Branch Library, Encinitas Community Library, and Malcolm X Library and Performing Arts Center. Manuel Oncina Architects' other award-winning projects include Miramar Water Treatment Plant, Metrolink Station for the Riverside County Transportation Commission, Turpin & Rattan Engineering Office, and the McGraw Residence. In 2008, the American Public Works Association named the Miramar Water Treatment Plant as Project of the Year. Manuel Oncina Architects was

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also acknowledged with a "Community Enrichment Orchid Award for Architecture, Planning, Interior Design, Environmental Solutions, Landscape Architecture, and Graphic Design" in 1996, and a 1998 "Award of Honor for Superior Achievement and Professional Design Excellence" for the Malcolm X Library & Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Oncina has also been a visionary leader in incorporating and advocating for sustainable energy design practices and projects, and actively engages the client and building community in environmentally-friendly design. Beyond Mr. Oncina's professional ventures, he is passionate about fine arts and has contributed his time and expertise to benefit the public and serve the community. An avid draftsman and water colorist, he served as a member of the City's Commission for Arts and Culture from 1990-1996 and contributed his insight as an active member of the Commission's Public Arts Committee for two years. He is also a member of the San Diego Foundation's Arts and Culture Working Group, and a founding member of the Bird Rock Community Council.

Mr. Oncina's broad blend of architectural skills and expertise stemmed from his studies at the Université de Luminy in Marseille, France, California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California, and a one-year study abroad program in Florence, Italy resulting in a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture in 1977. Mr. Oncina became a California Registered Architect in 1983. He was also inducted as a Fellow of the Society of American Registered Architects (FARA) in October 2008.

With more than 30 years experience in architecture, design, and construction, I am certain Mr. Oncina will be an outstanding asset to the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors and can provide valuable insight and contributions as the board continues to carry out its vision and mission for downtown redevelopment projects and programs.

Mr. Oncina will serve as a designated member whose professional background or experience is in the field of architecture on the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors. He will replace Edwin Teddy Cruz, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term to expire May 1, 2010. He resides in the Bird Rock community of La Jolla.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Mr. Oncina for his willingness to give his time and expertise to serve the City of San Diego in this capacity.



JERRY SANDERS

Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland