



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

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : September 19, 2008

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

**FROM** : Mayor Jerry Sanders

**SUBJECT** : Appointment to the Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission

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It is my pleasure to appoint Maurice Wilson to the Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission, subject to your confirmation.

Mr. Wilson is the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Urban League of San Diego County, and has worked for the Urban League since his retirement from the U.S. Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer in 1998. Beginning as the Director of Management Information Systems, Mr. Wilson developed the agency's first web site and globally expanded its technological capabilities. As he rose through the ranks at the Urban League, Mr. Wilson built an impressive record of workforce-development accomplishments, including founding and fostering the growth of more than 50 Community Technology Centers in various churches, small businesses and organizations. Mr. Wilson has also developed the agency's revenue-generating Diversity Job Bank, and raised more than \$5 million in funding to support work-readiness programs. His efforts have transitioned the agency from a social service agency to a social enterprise entity where funds raised from fee-based services pay for the agency's program services.

Mr. Wilson has a strong record of community involvement. He is the Chair of the Keiller Leadership Academy, a San Diego charter school; Board member of the Technical Professional Career College and member of the City of San Diego's Science and Technology Commission. He is also the founder of the Urban League Young Professionals of San Diego County, Urban League Guild of San Diego County, San Diego Urban League Affinity Group Partnership, Urban League Diversity Advisory Council, and San Diego African-American Digital Connection.

Mr. Wilson earned a Master of Science degree in Telecommunication Systems Management and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from National University. He resides in Lemon Grove.

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Mr. Wilson will serve as the At-Large Representative on the Commission, and will replace James McManus, who has resigned, for a term expiring January 1, 2010.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in thanking Mr. Wilson for his willingness to serve the citizens of San Diego in this capacity.



JERRY SANDERS  
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland