



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

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : June 8, 2011

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

**FROM** : Mayor Jerry Sanders

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

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It is my pleasure to appoint Gregg M. Torwick, Jay Montenegro, Laura Warner and Monte Alonzo Jones to the Citizens' Equal Opportunity Commission, subject to your confirmation.

Gregg Torwick for the past 22 years has worked in construction, starting as a heavy equipment operator and becoming the Operations Director and Senior Project Manager for a \$25M per year Construction Company. His early construction career sent him throughout the United States performing large scale projects for GSA services, the Army Corp of Engineers, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, and many municipal organizations.

During this time, he developed the necessary skills to provide corporate level interface with clients, architects, and team members. As the Operations Director he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of all projects delivered under the company construction management format, as well as business development and contract execution. Over the past 22 years, numerous highly sensitive public profiled projects have been completed by working closely with owners, developers, state and federal regulators. The construction community has recognized his strive for excellence, safety and community awareness through the presentation of many project awards.

Jay Montenegro has over half a decade of real estate experience and a corporate banking background where he worked on multi-million dollar deals involving real estate developers, corporations, and celebrities. He has been active in promoting voter registration, healthy living and offering financial literacy workshops.

Mr. Montenegro has also been recognized as a future community leader by 75th District Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, he served as Area Governor for Toastmasters and is currently Board Member/Executive VP of Finance for Kalusugan Community Services. Recently, Jay and his two brothers launched [www.moneyplatesca.com](http://www.moneyplatesca.com) a company that aims to help both businesses thrive and citizens earn extra income during these tough economic times.

Laura Warner has committed herself to improving the quality of life in the city and county of San Diego through her professional endeavors to create well-designed architecture and urban plans as well as through her volunteer efforts and professional affiliations. Upon completion of her Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from UC Berkeley in 1984, Ms. Warner moved to San Diego to start her architectural career. She worked for SGPA Architecture and Planning for five years and then worked for the Callison Partnership for three years. Ms. Warner gained her architectural license in 1991 and that same year started her firm, Warner Architecture + Design.

For the past twenty years, Ms. Warner has led the firm in its specialty areas of commercial and institutional architecture. As a result of her leadership, the firm has enjoyed successful working relationships with Rite Aid, Dairy Queen, Mission Valley Mall, Grossmont Mall, North Island Federal Credit Union, Arden Realty, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, the San Diego Zoological Society, the County of San Diego, and the cities of Encinitas, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, San Diego, and Oceanside.

In 1999, she formed CityWorks with the President of Collaborative Services, Catherine Smith. The firm's focus is to provide client's and their communities with quality physical and policy planning for urban environments that is integrated with effective community involvement, communications and governmental relations services. The firm has designed and implemented planning and communications processes for a variety of agencies including: SANDAG, Caltrans, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority and the cities of San Diego, Occanside, El Cajon, Del Mar and Chula Vista.

Ms. Warner has volunteered for a variety of organizations including Partners for Livable Places, the American Institute of Architects, the City of San Diego's Ocean Beach Planning Board and helped to establish the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation. Additionally, Ms. Warner served on the board of the local National Organization for Women and its Political Action Committee on important women's issues such as access to economic opportunities and health care. For all organizations she played the role of moving the organizations forward by improving organizational systems, public image, fundraising, collaboration with partnered organizations and internal consensus building.

Monte Jones is a Government Contractor at the Fleet & Family Support Center, where he serves as the Transition Manager. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of BAME Renaissance Community Development Corporation (BAME CDC) where he oversees the organizational structure, planning and operation of all services. And most recently he is a part-time teacher at UEI College, teaching in the business program.

A South Carolina native, Monte served twenty-two years as a member of the U.S. Navy, holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and is currently finishing a Masters in Business Administration. Monte is a LEAD San Diego Graduate and is an Alumnus of the Harvard University Community Development Program.

Monte currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Urban League of San Diego County and Richard's Place an HIV/AIDS Program. He has previously served as a member of the Finance Committee of 211 San Diego, City of San Diego Citizens Review Board, Board of Directors for the Diamond Business Improvement District and other nonprofits.

I ask that you confirm these appointments and join me in thanking these individuals for their willingness to serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS  
Mayor



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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland