



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : November 19, 2010

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Audie de Castro and Robert McNamara to the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, subject to your confirmation.

Audie de Castro is a founding attorney and shareholder of de Castro, PC, where he represents clients primarily in business and corporate transactions. He also represents shareholders and companies in litigation matters involving fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, inspection demands and breach of contract. He previously worked as an attorney for Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith, LLP. At Solomon, Mr. de Castro worked on corporate governance, mergers & acquisitions and securities compliance. He also handled litigation and dispute resolution matters.

Mr. de Castro is President of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of San Diego County and is a past member of the Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission. He received a degree in Accounting from the University of San Diego and a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from the University of San Francisco. Mr. de Castro is also a LEAD graduate.

Mr. de Castro was nominated by Councilmember Tony Young and will serve a term expiring July 1, 2013.

Robert McNamara worked for both the New York City Department of Social Services/Human Resources Administration and the San Diego County Department of Social Services/Health & Human Services Agency. His experience includes service to the homeless and low-income residents for cash and food stamp aid, supervising homeless shelters and hotels, managing call centers for the low income Home Energy Assistance Program and liaising with the Office of Emergency Preparedness as the Disaster and Emergency Planner for the New York Department of Social Services.

Mr. McNamara volunteered on the San Diego County Grand Jury and the San Diego Past Grand Jurors Association. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Math from Fordham University. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Mr. McNamara was nominated by Councilmember Donna Frye and will serve a term ending July 1, 2013.

The Consolidated Plan Advisory Board was established by the City Council by Ordinance 19963, effective July 24, 2010. The Board is charged with providing advice and recommendations on policy issues relating to the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, the CDBG Program, the ESG Program, the HOME Partnership program and the HOPWA Program. Duties include evaluating applications for the fair distribution of CDBG and ESG funds and providing advice on establishing goals for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

Members are appointed to two-year terms. The inaugural board includes five members serving terms expiring July 1, 2012 and four members with terms expiring July 1, 2013. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their commitment and willingness to serve on this important board.

Sincerely,



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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