



**COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN L. FAULCONER
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SECOND DISTRICT**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 26, 2013
TO: Honorable Todd Gloria, Interim Mayor
FROM: Councilmember Kevin L. Faulconer 
SUBJECT: Nomination of Gary Lynn to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

I am pleased to nominate Gary Lynn to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

Mr. Lynn currently serves on the board of Rise Up Industries (RUI), a newly formed non-profit public interest corporation that is modeled after Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. RUI's vision is to give youth healthy alternatives to gang membership so they choose to not join gangs, to entice current gang members to leave their gangs, and to assist post-incarcerated gang members who want to leave the gang lifestyle. Mr. Lynn has a sincere desire to minimize gang violence through providing support to those who desire to not join a gang and to current gang members who need assistance to leave their gang.

Mr. Lynn's employment with the YWCA heightened his awareness and taught him about the severity and complexity of the socio-economic disadvantages that contribute to community violence, whether it be domestic violence or gang violence. His strong belief in peaceful resolution of conflict and a desire to improve the health of all of our San Diego communities motivates Mr. Lynn to make a difference.

After retiring from the U.S. Navy in 1993, Mr. Lynn worked for various non-profit agencies and volunteered for several non-profit organizations. He is currently very active in the United Methodist Church, both at the local level and at the Annual Conference level, and serves as chair

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of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee at San Carlos United Methodist Church, chair of the Policy Development and Administration Committee for the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and is the South District delegate to the Justice and Compassion Essential Ministries Team of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.

Mr. Lynn came to San Diego as a child and has lived in San Diego for various periods of time with intervals of residency elsewhere in the United States, including Hawaii. Most recently he returned to San Diego in June 1986 and has resided here since. He attended Crown Point Elementary School, graduated from Lincoln High School, and graduated from San Diego State College (not yet a university).

I strongly believe that Gary Lynn's experience and interest in decreasing gang participation make him an ideal candidate who deserves your consideration to serve on the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

KLF/tc

cc: Honorable Councilmembers