



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : May 15, 2009

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Housing Commission

It is with pleasure that I appoint James Waring to the Housing Commission, subject to your confirmation.

James Waring has more than 25 years experience in law, real estate investment, land use, economic development, and business finance. From 1982-2006, Mr. Waring served as an Of Counsel Attorney to Ross, Dixon, & Bell, a San Diego law firm specializing in real estate transactions and negotiations. In 1993, Mr. Waring co-founded and became the Co-Owner of FI Financial, LLC, a diversified real estate investment and land development firm focused on the identification, purchase, and development of land for residential, commercial, and biotech/industrial use. Mr. Waring was also the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Land Use and Economic Development for the City of San Diego from 2006-2007, and was responsible for the successful reorganization of the Development Services, City Planning & Community Investment, and Real Estate Assets departments. He also worked collaboratively to improve communications and coordination with the Centre City Development Corporation, Housing Commission, and Southeastern Economic Development Corporation. Among Mr. Waring's many accomplishments as Deputy Chief, he successfully worked with staff to restructure the City's management of more than 3,000 properties resulting in increased revenues for the City of San Diego. In addition, Mr. Waring ambitiously led a team to create and launch the City's clean technology business attraction strategy and incentives for clean-energy funding.

Throughout Mr. Waring's career, he has been deeply committed to serving the community, and has dedicated his time and expertise for various civic, environmental, and charitable causes. He is the Founder and Chairman of CleanTech San Diego, a non-profit trade organization group focused on accelerating San Diego's position as a world leader in the clean technology economy. The organization aims to foster the growth of San Diego companies in developing green and sustainable technologies and products. Previously, Mr. Waring served on the California Center for Sustainable Energy Board of Directors, Francis Parker Board of Trustees, River Network Board of Directors, San Diego Natural History Museum Board of Directors, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Director's Cabinet. Mr. Waring was also appointed by Interim

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Mayor Toni Atkins to serve on the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board of Administration in 2005.

Mr. Waring holds a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law, and a Master of Art degree in Peace & Justice Studies from the University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. He also received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Waring's vast wealth of knowledge in the areas of law, land use, and real estate investments, expertise in the management of non-profit organizations, and his solution-oriented and consensus-building nature will be invaluable additions to the Housing Commission.

Mr. Waring was previously nominated by Councilmembers Toni Atkins, Jim Madaffer, and Scott Peters. He will replace Tony Yip, who has resigned, for a term expiring January 2, 2010. He resides in La Jolla.

I ask for your confirmation of this appointment to the Housing Commission, and that you join me in thanking Mr. Waring for his willingness to provide his time and expertise to serve the citizens of San Diego in this capacity.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland