



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : October 25, 2012

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the San Diego Housing Commission

It is my pleasure to appoint Francisco "Frank" Urtasun to the Housing Commission, subject to your confirmation.

Francisco "Frank" J. Urtasun is Regional Vice President for External Relations for San Diego Gas & Electric. Over a 30-year career with the Sempra Family of companies, Mr. Urtasun has held several management positions, including Director of Community Affairs, Director of Local Government Affairs, and Director of Supply Management and Diverse Business Enterprise. Prior to his career at Sempra Energy, Urtasun worked in the construction industry, building both single and multi-family residential projects of his own.

Currently, Mr. Urtasun serves on the Board of Directors of the 2015 Balboa Park Centennial Celebration Committee, the Downtown San Diego Partnership, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and, with his wife Caren, he chaired the Access to Independence 2012 Gala and San Ysidro Heath Clinic Gala. For almost ten years, Mr. Urtasun served as Port Commissioner for the San Diego Unified Port District and as Board Chairman during 1994 and 2001. He is a lifetime Commissioner Emeritus of the Port. Mr. Urtasun has also served on the boards of the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Sharp Coronado Hospital, the San Diego Dialogue, St. Augustine High School, the San Diego County Planning Commission, the San Diego County Cable Television Review Commission, and the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Urtasun is also a current Club 33 Rotarian.

In 2011, Mr. Urtasun received the Whitney M. Young Leadership Award from the Urban League of San Diego. In 2007, Mr. Urtasun was recognized among the "Top Ten Lifetime San Diegans" by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. A graduate of Southwestern College and San Diego State University (SDSU), he has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumni of Southwestern College and was awarded the President's Honorary Degree from Southwestern College in 1996. In 1997, he was named one of the top 100 SDSU graduates.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JS', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland