



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : August 6, 2009

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments and Reappointment to the Human Relations
Commission

I am forwarding the nominations of Tiffany Harrison, Mitz Lee, and Pastor Roberto Shim for appointment to the Human Relations Commission, and reappointment of Joyce Abrams to the Human Relations Commission for your consideration.

Tiffany Harrison currently serves as an Operations Manager for the Urban League of San Diego County, an organization dedicated to assisting African-Americans and other underserved people in San Diego County in achieving social and economic equality through advocacy, bridge building, program services and research. As Operations Manager, Ms. Harrison manages projects, informs the public about the Urban League's programs, services, and research activities, and coordinates meetings and special events on behalf of the organization. Ms. Harrison is also the Co-President of the Urban League's Career College Club Network. Previously, Ms. Harrison provided administrative and database assistance for the Multi-Cultural Convention Services Network, whose mission is to increase San Diego's share of multicultural convention & tourism revenue, and ensure inclusion of underrepresented populations in every aspect of the hospitality industry. Ms. Harrison is also committed to serving the community. Previously, she provided more than 900 hours of community service for AmeriCorps tutoring youth in English, Science, and Mathematics through the "6 to 6" Program at Keiller Leadership Academy.

Ms. Harrison is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, and a Minor in Political Science at San Diego State University with an expected graduation of Fall 2010. Her ability to interact with diverse cultures and groups, and advocacy efforts on behalf of underrepresented groups and populations at the Urban League will be a valuable addition to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Harrison was nominated by Councilmember Tony Young, and resides in Skyline Hills. She will replace Lorraine Johnson, who has resigned, for a term expiring July 22, 2011.

Mitz Lee has a long history and distinguished record of service to the San Diego community. Her history of service includes outreach, advocacy, and coalition building within the areas of education, business and economic development, multi-cultural awareness, and fostering relations. Ms. Lee advocated for excellence for K-12 education as a Trustee and Vice President of the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education, one of the nation's largest school districts comprised of more than 132,000 students, 221 schools, more than 15,800 employees, and an annual budget of \$2.2 billion. Ms. Lee was the first Asian/Pacific Islander to be elected in a city-wide campaign to the Board of Education. Ms. Lee's commitment to helping students achieve began in 1996, when she co-founded the Alliance for Quality Education, a non-profit education reform organization dedicated to strengthening the capacity of communities to act as catalysts to transform and revitalize public education so that every child receives a quality education.

Ms. Lee is also a strong advocate for the business community and economic development for underserved populations and multi-cultural communities. She is Co-founder and Advisor to the Board of Directors of the Mabuhay Alliance, an organization dedicated to encouraging economic development and entrepreneurship through business and financial technical assistance between government, corporations, and minority groups throughout California.

Ms. Lee's passion for fostering relations and cultural awareness led her to co-found and become President of Filipino American Community Empowerment, a non-profit organization that aims to empower the Filipino American community by creating positive change through the political process. She also serves on the Board of Directors for San Diego-based Pacific Rim Park, Incorporated whose mission is to foster understanding and goodwill among citizens and cultures of Pacific Rim countries by bringing people together by building a series of parks encircling the Pacific Ocean. Ms. Lee has also actively served the community through participation with various business, civic and community groups and organizations including the Asian Business Association, Asian Heritage Coalition, City Heights Community Development Corporation, Clairemont Town Council, Kiwanis Club, Mira Mesa Town Council, San Diego County Taxpayers Association, and Scripps Lions Club.

Ms. Lee received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Economics from the University of the City of Manila in the Philippines, and a Master's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Financial Management from National University in San Diego.

Ms. Lee's life of service, efforts to build consensus, and experience in advocating on behalf of underrepresented groups and populations will be valuable additions to the Human Relations Commission. Ms. Lee was nominated by Councilmember Carl DeMaio, and will replace Nghiep Le, who has resigned, for a term expiring July 22, 2010. Ms. Lee resides in Mira Mesa.

Pastor Roberto Shim is an Assistant Pastor at Harbor Presbyterian Church in San Diego, and has committed his life to helping others through leadership and spiritual development. As Assistant Pastor since 2007, Pastor Shim has assisted on ministerial duties for the Senior

Pastor, organized and led church medical missions to Tijuana, and created rewarding strategic alliances with community agencies including the Linda Vista Collaborative. From 2004-2007, Pastor Shim was an English Ministry Pastor for Korean United Presbyterian Church in San Diego, where he ministered to young adults and college students, initiated leadership development with core leaders, and led mission trips to Mexico and Nicaragua. From 2002-2004, Pastor Shim was a Youth Pastor for Somanhg Presbyterian Church in Palisades Park, New Jersey, and a Logistics Operations Coordinator for Hanjin Shipping, Ltd. in Paramus, New Jersey. Beyond Pastor Shim's professional responsibilities, he is also active in serving the Linda Vista community, and was instrumental in starting a local American Youth Soccer Organization region in Linda Vista. He also organized a soccer tournament for at-risk youth in 2008.

Pastor Shim received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from New York University in New York, New York, and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York. Currently, Pastor Shim is pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree with a concentration in Leadership and Ministry Management from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois.

Pastor Shim is also fluent in Korean and Spanish. His commitment to diversity and tolerance, and dedication to mentoring and serving others will be valuable additions to the Human Relations Commission. Pastor Shim was nominated by Councilmember Donna Frye. He will replace Les Williamson, whose term has expired, for a term expiring July 22, 2013. Pastor Shim resides in University City.

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



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland