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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : September 29, 2008

TO : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the International Affairs Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Pamela Thorsch to the International Affairs Board, subject to your confirmation.

Pamela Thorsch is the Executive Director of Rebuilding Together San Diego, a local affiliate of the national charitable organization dedicated to revitalizing homes and neighborhoods for low-income families, homeowners, and communities in need. As Executive Director since 2003, Ms. Thorsch has expanded the agency's program from a one-day event in April to a year round program, raised more than \$5 million, and recruited more than 1,500 volunteers. Under her vision and leadership, more than 200 homes and public/non-profit facilities have been renovated at a market value of more than \$4 million, and the organization has made a direct and significant impact on numerous lives and neighborhoods throughout San Diego. Rebuilding Together's projects have included making deferred maintenance improvements to community facilities including the Northern Division Police Station, and making renovations to six San Diego fire stations, most recently Fire Station #35 in University City. Ms. Thorsch's career includes 20 years experience in community relations, government and public affairs, administration, marketing, fundraising, and event coordination. Prior to her position at Rebuilding Together San Diego, she was the Government Affairs Coordinator for the San Diego Association of Realtors.

Ms. Thorsch's passion to serve others extends beyond the local community to the international community. Having lived in Guadalajara and San Miguel de Allende in Mexico, she was exposed to the plight of orphans, the less fortunate, and underserved populations. Ms. Thorsch became very active with providing services and outreach programs to 800 orphans in Guadalajara. She also worked with the Scalabrini Mission in Tijuana to provide resources and job training classes to migrant populations. Ms. Thorsch has hosted various international business associates and dignitaries and has also been very active with the Citizens' Diplomacy Council of San Diego as a board member and

volunteer. She is also member of the San Diego Collaborative which focuses on increasing services to critically ill children and their families, and NFL Alumni-San Diego Chapter which provides support to various San Diego charities.

Ms. Thorsch studied art and photography at the Instituto Allende in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, and Spanish and Anthropology at the University of Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is also a California licensed real estate agent. Ms. Thorsch will replace Scott Maloni, who has resigned, for a term expiring March 1, 2010. Ms. Thorsch resides in North Park.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Ms. Thorsch for her willingness to give her time and talents to serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland