



**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 : Reappointments and appointments to the International Affairs Board

It is my pleasure to reappoint Elizabeth Robles, Donovan Geiger, Pamela Thorsch, Gloria Cazares, and Deborah Flores and to appoint Emiliano A. Aragon, David Felsen, Alfonso Hernandez, and Bob Morris to the International Affairs Board, subject to City Council confirmation.

Dr. David Felsen is an Associate Professor of International Relations at Alliant International University in San Diego. He also serves as the Program Director of the International Studies program. He holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and earned his doctorate in Politics from Oxford University in the United Kingdom. Previously Dr. Felsen has held teaching positions at Temple University in Philadelphia and at Tecnologico de Monterrey in Mexico. He has also lectured in Guatemala, Peru, Canada and Italy. Since July 2011 Dr. Felsen has served as President of the San Diego World Affairs Council. He previously served as Vice President of the organization and as a member of the Board of Directors. He has also served on the International Committee of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Emiliano Aragon is a Senior Systems and Technology Analyst at Systems Planning and Analysis, Inc. (SPA) where he supports advance planning efforts for U. S. Navy information technology systems and facilitates cooperative agreements for a U. S. Navy research and development laboratory in San Diego. Prior to joining SPA, Emiliano conducted analysis of U. S. Navy programs and initiatives in support of strategic planning for a U. S. Navy research and development laboratory in San Diego. He is a five year veteran of the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar.

A native of Ventura, California, Emiliano holds a Bachelor's Degree in International Security & Conflict Resolution from San Diego State University and a Master's Degree in Pacific & International Affairs from the University of California San Diego where he specialized in international politics and Latin America.

Bob Morris has been a senior fund and community development professional for the past 20 years. He has worked for Scripps Heath Foundation, The American Red Cross and Episcopal Community Services. Today Bob works Catholic Charities and consults for other clients in the San Diego area. Bob has raised millions of dollars to benefit San Diego charities and has been appointed to numerous boards and commissions for The City of San Diego, The County of San Diego and The State of California. Bob is on the Board of Directors of The California Foundation Fund, The Victory Fund and the Downtown San Diego Partnership where he was the first chair of the Ending Homelessness in Downtown San Diego Leadership Council. Bob was selected by San Diego Magazine to one of their People to Watch and he has received special commendation of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors for his contribution in the area of welfare to work.

Alfonso Hernandez is Co-Owner/General Manger of Five Star Tours & Charter Bus Company, a family-owned bus charter and tour business. Alfonso has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of San Diego with secondary emphases in International Relations and Latino Studies. Since 2000 Alfonso has served on the Sales and Travel Trade Development committee of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau and is also active in the Otay Chamber of Commerce, San Diego North Convention & Visitors Bureau, San Diego Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Tijuana Convention & Visitors Bureau. Alfonso also serves on a number of community boards and committees including the San Ysidro Centennial Committee, Casa familiar, and San Diego Downtown Partnership. During the past year, Alfonso created a complimentary program to the tour business entitled "tours for a cause" that gives tour with a purpose to local nonprofits and schools such as learning about conservation, arts or human rights.

I ask that you confirm these reappointments and 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