



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : November 18, 2009

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Board of Library Commissioners

It is my pleasure to appoint Sarah White to the Board of Library Commissioners, subject to your confirmation.

Sarah White has more than 21 years experience in establishing, supporting, and advocating on behalf of corporate and public libraries. Upon obtaining a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of California at Berkeley, Ms. White served as an Information Specialist for Sandoz Agro, Inc., in Palo Alto, California from 1988-1992. From 1992-1997, Ms. White successfully established the corporate library for Qualcomm, Inc., in San Diego and served in progressively responsible positions including Librarian, and Manager of Library & Information Services. As a result of Ms. White's wealth of knowledge in library and information services, she served as Qualcomm's Director of Library & Information Services from 1997-2006, where she was responsible for all aspects of library and information services, managed staff, and oversaw a budget of over \$2.5 million. Ms. White's professional affiliations include the IEEE Library Advisory Council and Special Libraries Association.

Beyond Ms. White's professional accomplishments, she is committed to civic engagement and serving the community. Ms. White's civic activities include current service on the Board of Directors for the San Diego Public Library Foundation, and past engagement with Mama's Kitchen, and the Hamilton-White Foundation, a grant-making foundation dedicated to supporting education and health and human services in the San Diego region.

Ms. White's expertise, commitment to community service, and insight into library systems will be outstanding additions to the Board of Library Commissioners. In addition

to Ms. White's Master's degree in Library Science, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology from the University of California, Davis.

Ms. White was nominated by Councilmember Gloria, and will replace Judy McCarty, who is termed out, for a term expiring March 1, 2011. She resides in Banker's Hill.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in thanking Ms. White for her willingness to serve in this critical role on behalf of the City of San Diego's library system.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland