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FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2014
TO: Council President Todd Gloria
FROM: Councilmember Myrtle Cole, Fourth Council District *Myrtle Cole*
SUBJECT: Nomination of Mark Leo to the International Affairs Board

I am pleased to nominate Mr. Mark Leo to serve on the International Affairs Board.

Mr. Leo is a resident of the Bay Terraces neighborhood in the Fourth Council District. He is an active member of the Filipino-American and greater Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community of San Diego. Mr. Leo has extensive experience, professional training, and a keen understanding of the importance of cross cultural and international relations, and their importance to San Diego's cultural and economic prosperity.

Mr. Leo's appreciation for shared cultural heritage led to an academic life in Asian American studies. He has published and presented several works speaking about the Filipino, Filipino-American identity, and the variations within. He is currently on the Council of Elders for the Igorot Global Organization, and is the Public Relations Officer for BIBAK San Diego (Benguet, Ifugao, Bontoc, Apayao, Kalinga), an international organization of indigenous Filipinos spread across the world, dedicated to reminding each other and future generations of their heritage.

Currently, Mr. Leo is an organizer for SEIU Local 221 where he plays a significant role in encouraging and mobilizing the Filipino-American and other communities of color to participate and play an active role in government, social and economic justice issues.

Mr. Leo would be a great addition to the International Affairs Board. I look forward to his appointment.

Thank you.

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