City of San Diego
Eighth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 18, 2014

TO: Council President Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez

SUBJECT: Nomination of Roberto Alcantar to the International Affairs Board

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I am pleased to nominate Roberto Alcantar to the City of San Diego's International Affairs Board. Mr. Alcantar is currently a field representative for State Senator Marty Block and serves as his representative for labor issues, public safety, transportation, K-12 education and international trade.

Roberto's experience in foreign policy issues and advocacy work will make him a strong asset to the Board. Having studied abroad in Australia, he also worked directly under then U.S. Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, at the U.S. Consulate in Perth, Australia.

While working in the State Department, Roberto worked on Foreign Policy issues regarding the East Asia Pacific region, led research on strategic use of natural resources and developed stellar relationships with local governments abroad. He has also been a strong advocate here locally for many social issues including human trafficking, feeding the hungry and higher education. Roberto is a 2012 SDLA Leadership Institute Fellow.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate such an ambitious, hard-working and personable candidate.