



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

MEMORANDUM

DATE : December 8, 2009

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

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment to the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board

It is my pleasure to appoint Dr. Emily Young to the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board, subject to your confirmation.

Dr. Emily Young, Ph.D., is the Senior Director of Environment Analysis and Strategy for The San Diego Foundation, where she is responsible for working with local governments and public agencies to provide technical assistance and research to support their conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy goals. With the San Diego Foundation since 2000, Dr. Young has steadfastly worked to support the Foundation's Environment Program Initiative to advance public policies and planning to address climate change at the regional level, and enhance energy-related planning and policy. She also oversees two other regional initiatives through the Environment Program: Land and Watershed Conservation, and Clean Environments, Healthy Communities. Previously, Dr. Young was an Assistant Professor for the Department of Geography and Regional Development at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona from 1995-2000.

Dr. Young's extensive expertise and insight into environmental advocacy programs, planning, and initiatives has given her the opportunity to participate and contribute to various local, state, and national environmental boards, committees and working groups. She is currently a member of the Port of San Diego's Environmental Advisory Committee, and San Diego Association of Governments Environmental Mitigation Program Working Group. Previously, Dr. Young served on the Board of Directors for Wildcoast, a non-governmental organization for community-based protection of coastal wildlife and wildlands along the Baja California peninsula, and Pro Esteros, a non-governmental organization that advocates for the conservation of wetlands in the United States and Mexico. She has also served on the National Advisory Board for the American Cetacean Society, Southwest Wetlands Interpretative Association Board of Directors, and Tidelands Advisory Committee for the City of Imperial Beach.

Dr. Young's has been the recipient of various awards, fellowships, and scholarships including the Association of American Geographers Graduate Research Fellowship, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Research Fellowship, and the International Geographic Congress Scholarship. Dr. Young has also contributed her insight for numerous national and international environmental and geographical articles and publications.

Dr. Young holds a Ph.D. degree in Geography from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, and a Master of Science degree in Geography and Bachelor of Arts degree in Ibero-American Studies and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Young's unique expertise in advocating for environmental policies, planning, and initiatives, and experience working with entities to support conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy goals and initiatives will be valued additions to the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board. She will serve as the Environmental Advocate on the Sustainable Energy Advisory Board, and will replace Dan Perkins, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term expiring March 1, 2011. Dr. Young resides in Imperial Beach.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and join me in acknowledging Dr. Young for her willingness to give her time and expertise 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