



**OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

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DATE: March 12, 2014
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria 
SUBJECT: Appointments to the Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee

On February 12, 2014 Council approved Resolution R-308721 under Charter Section 43(b) to establish a Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on questions related to utilities undergrounding and the City's implementation of the Utility Undergrounding Program. The committee shall be composed of fourteen members, with seven nominated by Councilmembers, appointed by the Council President and confirmed by the City Council.

It is my pleasure to appoint David Moty, Bobby Johnson, Joe LaCava, Charles Angyal, John Ready, Vicki Granowitz, and Tom Hebrank to the Utility Undergrounding Advisory Committee.

David Moty is an active and committed member of the Talmadge community. He serves as the Chair of the Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group (KTPG) and its CIP & Planning Subcommittee, as well as past Chair of their Bylaws Committee. Mr. Moty is currently serving as the Vice Chair of the City of San Diego Community Planners Committee and previously served as Chair of their Undergrounding Committee. He also serves as a member of the Talmadge Watch Volunteer Citizens Patrol and has served on the Talmadge Maintenance Assessment District Advisory Board.

Bobby Johnston is Operations Administrator of PCG Utility Consultants, Inc., a utility and engineering consulting company. Mr. Johnson has over 40 years of utility-related expertise specifically for projects involving utilities installation, removal, relocation, and conversion to underground systems. Among the various projects that he has been involved in are the San Diego Convention Center Phase 2 Expansion, San Diego Trolley, and the Liberty Station Redevelopment Project. Mr. Johnston applies ways to change public utility operations to benefit consumers, public agencies, and the building industry and is widely recognized for developing strategic planning solutions that have saved projects millions of dollars in utility fees and construction costs. His unique area of expertise will make Bobby an outstanding asset to the committee.

Joe LaCava is a land use and public policy consultant who advocates for community input in the planning process. As the Founder and Senior Associate with INTERRA Strategies, Mr. LaCava brings a multi-disciplinary approach to land development, incorporating expertise in engineering, regulatory and land use planning, finance and the environment. As Chair of the City of San Diego Community Planners Committee he brings a wide breadth of understanding of issues facing neighborhoods throughout our City. Joe has been a community leader on a diverse range of local policy issues such as redistricting, open government/open data, minimizing infrastructure construction impacts on residents and merchants, preserving beach fire pits, saving a historic local post office, and advocacy for funding of local infrastructure improvements

to name just a few. I look forward to the knowledge and policy expertise he will bring to this committee.

Charles Angyal has effectively leveraged public, private, and corporate resources to bring integrated, high-performance, sustainable building design and delivery into the mainstream of the built environment. Mr. Angyal is a founding board member of the U.S. Green Building Council and the Collaborative for High Performance Schools; both organizations have set national standards for best practices in sustainable design and are helping project teams achieve those standards. As chief architect for one of the largest energy utilities in California and now the nation, Mr. Angyal has devoted the past decade of his career to educating, assisting, and encouraging design teams and their clients to make environmentally sustainable choices in new construction projects. Under his leadership, the nonresidential new construction energy-efficiency program of San Diego Gas & Electric alone has resulted in more than 2,000 building projects that perform better than required under the state's stringent energy code.

John Ready is a member of the Mission Beach Precise Planning Board and will bring an important perspective to the committee. Mr. Ready grew up in Mission Beach, is a long-time property owner, and runs his law office in the area. As a small business owner, resident, and landlord, Mr. Ready has the experience dealing with issues from many different angles. He has attended workshops regarding undergrounding utilities and is knowledgeable about the issues at hand.

Vicki Granowitz is a retired psychotherapist having worked in private practice for 16 years. As a volunteer, she chaired the Balboa Park Committee and the Balboa Park Task Force on Funding, Management and Governance and currently serves on the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Board, the Balboa Park Conservancy Board, and the Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, the Greater North Park Community Planning Committee Board, the Park and Recreation Open Space Canyons Advisory Committee among others. Past volunteer service includes participation with the SDSU Library Facilities Strategic Planning Committee, the Sierra Club Canyons Campaign Steering Committee, the Citywide Canyon-Sewer Maintenance Task Force and the North Park Community Association Board. Vicki received a BA and MSW from San Diego State University. Ms. Granowitz will bring her extensive experience working with the City of San Diego and neighborhood to the committee.

Thomas Hebrank is the owner of E3 Realty Advisors, an established consulting firm specializing in the areas of problem resolution and fiduciary services including receiverships, bankruptcy trusts, and forensic accounting. Prior to starting E3 Advisors, Mr. Hebrank was the Senior Managing Director of the Workout Division for Douglas Wilson Companies. Dedicated to giving back to his community, Mr. Hebrank is a member of the City of San Diego Audit Committee, former Board president of the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System, and Former Chairman of the Kensington Talmadge Planning Committee. His business background, financial expertise, and experience working to better his community will make Mr. Hebrank a great asset to the committee.

cc: Honorable Kevin Faulconer, Mayor
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