



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 8, 2013

TO: Jeff Graham, President, Civic San Diego

FROM: Mayor Bob Filner 

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Civic San Diego Board of Directors

It is my pleasure to appoint Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa to the Civic San Diego Board of Directors, effective May 8, 2013. The bylaws of Civic San Diego state that the Mayor shall appoint one Director as a representative of the Mayor. This appointment is not subject to Council confirmation.

Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa is the Director of Planning and Development for the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council Family Housing Corporation, and teaches community planning at the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California (USC). He is a certified planner by the American Planning Association and has over 12 years of experience in economic development and sustainable urban planning.

Dr. Baxamusa received his doctoral (PhD) degree in Planning from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2008. He received a Master's degree in Planning at USC, and Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the Indian Institute of Technology. In 2012, he received the Ruby Award for Outstanding Advocate from the San Diego Housing Federation. He also received the John Lyons Memorial Fellowship that was read into the Congressional Record of the 112th Congress. The City of San Diego proclaimed June 17, 2008, to be "Dr. Murtaza H. Baxamusa Day" in recognition of his work in the city.

Prior to moving to San Diego, Dr. Baxamusa was a researcher at the USC Center for Economic Development. The Center was recognized as the National Center for Eco-Industrial Development by three federal agencies. While there he worked on sustainable development strategies for cities in Southern California.

I ask that you join me in acknowledging Dr. Baxamusa for his willingness to give his time and expertise to serve as the newest member of Civic San Diego. His knowledge of planning, specifically as related to economic development, will be a tremendous asset for neighborhoods throughout our city.

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cc: Honorable President Todd Gloria and Members of the City Council
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland
