



OFFICE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT TODD GLORIA
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 15, 2013
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria 
SUBJECT: Nomination to the Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission

It is my pleasure to nominate Kimberly Mettler to the Citizens Equal Opportunity Commission as the American Indian representative.

As the Advocacy Supervisor for Voices for Children, Ms. Mettler is responsible for supporting volunteer court appointed special advocates for children in the foster care system. Voices for Children is critical to increasing understanding of the foster care system and advocating for legal policies and practices that enhance the quality of life for children in the system. Prior to joining Voices for Children, Ms. Mettler was the Director of Legal Affairs for the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians. As Chief Legal Counsel she managed tribal assets, represented the tribe in intergovernmental and intertribal meetings, and worked regularly with local, state, and federal government representatives to protect tribal interests. She has been recognized as an accomplished tribal attorney by In-House Counsel magazine, Daily Journal, and the San Diego Daily Transcript.

Ms. Mettler also has extensive experience with non-profit organizations and leadership, specifically organizations that focus on the Native American community and conflict resolution. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Conflict Resolution Center as well as the Native American Community Board. She has previously served on the Intertribal Cultural Resources Protection Council, The Bobby Barrett Foundation, The Trail of Hope, Inc., Native American Women's Intertribal Circle, and the Indigenous Women's Network Board of Directors. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Justice from Fairhaven College and her Juris Doctor, with a focus on Indigenous People Law and Policy Program, from the University of Arizona.

I believe her legal expertise, understanding of tribal affairs, and leadership in non-profit advocacy will be a tremendous asset to the commission.

cc: Honorable City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk