



CITY OF SAN DIEGO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

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Mark K. Dillon serves as Chair of the Commission. He is a retired technology executive where he served as the Senior Manager for Business and Product Development for Verizon Online. He also served as the Director for the Content and Creative Services Group for Verizon Online and as Vice-president of GTE Interactive Media Online Services. He is now Chairman for the San Diego Chapter of the Anti-Defamation League and has previously served as the Chairman of the ADL Civil Rights Committee. Mr. Dillon also serves on the Advisory Board for the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium.

Bruce M. Abrams, Esq., is a well-known and broad-based activist and philanthropist. Throughout his 20 years of activism, he has used his education and influence to promote positive social change and promote progressive philanthropy by modeling the behavior. He is currently serving on the San Diego County Social Services Advisory Board, which oversees CalFresh, and the Anti-Defamation League. His resume of volunteer service includes a long list past board memberships, including the ACLU, San Diego Democratic Club, Diversionary Theatre, and San Diego Foundation for Change, Equality California, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Interfaith Committee on Worker Justice, and the National Conflict Resolution Center. He also established a Lending Library at The GLBT Community Center.

Joyce Abrams is an accomplished, longtime educator with a full history of community involvement in San Diego. She is a LEAD graduate and post-graduate. She is a board member of the San Diego Educators of the Gifted (ASDEG), the La Jolla High School Scholarship Foundation and the Patty Villarreal Scholar Foundation. She represents K-12 teachers on the Committee on Accreditation (COA) for the State of California. In 2010, Joyce was appointed to the City of San Diego's Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. She has a B.A. and a Master's degree in Education from San Diego State University.

Mary Alcock is the President of Alcock & McFadden Employment Consultants, Inc. a firm specializing in all areas of human resource management including staffing, compensation, regulatory compliance, and the employment process. Ms. Alcock has more than 30 years of human resources experience in the fields of telecommunication, technology, biotech, manufacturing, general service and government agencies. Ms. Alcock teaches Human Resource Management Courses for SDSU and UCSD's Extension Certificate Programs. She also serves on the UCSD Human Resources Certificate Program Advisory Board, and BIOCOM Workforce Partnership.

Monica Bauer Federman is the Assistant Director for Outreach and Interfaith at the Anti-Defamation League of San Diego, a Jewish civil rights organization. She is an adviser at the Institute for Mexicans Abroad, a member of the Institute of the Americas, serves on the Interreligious Council of San Diego, she's a board member of the KEN Jewish Community and a member of the Toastmaster Club # 1815. Ms. Bauer is originally from Mexico City. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. For several years she owned a small wholesale business that sold Mexican arts and crafts to gift shops and museum stores all over the United States. She is fluent in Spanish and Hebrew.

Tiffany Harrison is Operations Manager for the Urban League of San Diego County. She manages projects, informs the public about League programs, activities and research programs, and coordinates meetings and special events. She is co-President of the League's Career College Club Network. She serves on the NAACP board representing Youth and College. She previously provided administrative and database assistance for the Multi-Cultural Convention Services Network. Ms. Harrison is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a minor in Political Science at San Diego State University.

Shonee Alzona Henry is a Real Estate Broker and Sole Proprietor of Allegro Realty Mortgage, and has been a San Diego business owner for more than 14 years. She is also a very dedicated and active member of the community spanning 20 years and numerous charitable events, local and international business and civic associations. Her involvement includes the Lions Club, Asian Pacific Islander Community AIDS project, San Diego Association of Realtors, and Diamond Gateway Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Henry was awarded the International Lions Club's Merit for Humanitarian Contribution in 2002, and received the Community Volunteer Award in 2006 and 2007 from the San Diego Association of Realtors.

Gagandeep Kaur Sahni, a resident of San Diego since 1998, has been a Financial Advisor for the past seventeen years. She develops and manages financial strategies for individuals, small businesses, large corporation and non-profit organizations. Ms. Kaur's community activities include serving on the Board of Directors for the Interreligious Council of San Diego, Vice President of the Board of Directors for The Sikh Foundation San Diego, the oldest Sikh Temple in San Diego, and as an Advisor for the San Diego District Attorney's Interfaith Advisory Board. Ms. Kaur had the honor of being the first Sikh woman to chair a national Sikh non-profit, the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the oldest Sikh civil liberties organization based out of Washington DC.

Mitz Lee has a long history and distinguished record of service to the San Diego community. Ms. Lee advocated for excellence for K-12 education as a Trustee and Vice President of the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education. She was the first Asian/Pacific Islander to be elected to the Board of Education. In 1996, Ms. Lee co-founded the Alliance for Quality Education, a non-profit education reform organization. She is also co-founder of Mabuhay Alliance and the Filipino American Community Empowerment, a non-profit organization that aims to empower the Filipino American community by creating positive change through the political process, and the Asian, Pacific American Coalition. She has served on the Asian Business Association, City Heights Community Development Corporation, Clairemont Town Council, Kiwanis Club, and San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

Gracia Molina de Pick is a life-long educator, feminist, community activist, writer, scholar, professor, and philanthropist. Over her lifetime, she has championed numerous humanitarian causes and advocated for women's equality, civil rights, race relations, indigenous communities, workers' rights, educational reform, and labor reform. From 1966 – 1976 she served as a Professor at various colleges and universities, wrote the first associate degree in Chicana/Chicano Studies for Mesa College, and was a founding faculty member of Third College, now Thurgood Marshall College at UCSD. She also served as a Human Resource Consultant for the Agency for International Development and for the U.S. State Department and U.S. Department of Labor.

Lorena Slomanson is a Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego's Pro Bono Program which offers free services to self represented litigants in their court cases. A native San Diegan, Ms. Slomanson received her B.A. in Russian and Soviet Studies from UCSD and her J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, where she serves on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Prior to entering the field of public interest law, she enjoyed a diverse civil litigation practice focusing on personal injury and consumer protection. Ms. Slomanson has been recognized for her commitment to access to justice by the Board of Governors of the State Bar of California and by the Legal Aid Society. She is past president and continues to serve on the board of the San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association. She is fluent in Spanish and Russian.

Susan M. Thomson, PhD, is committed to supporting the educational and emotional needs of the San Diego Community. Dr. Thomson is a counseling therapist in La Jolla and has been working with substance abuse clients for the last 20 years. Formerly, Dr. Thomson was an educational specialist in the area of learning challenges and emotional disabilities for young school children. Dr. Thomson is past President of the Board of Explorer Elementary, a Charter School in La Jolla of which she was instrumental in helping to launch. Dr. Thomson is also a past Board President of The Children's School, and past President of the Parent's Association of The Bishop's School. Dr. Thomson has been deeply committed to the Vista Hill Foundation where she has chaired their annual gala for three consecutive years, raising money for the Don Allen Parent Care Family Recovery Center, and other Vista Hill Programs. Dr. Thomson received her first Master's degree from the University of Arizona followed by a second Master's degree and Doctoral Degree and training from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Joel Trambley, MD, PhD, serves as Vice Chair of the Commission. Mr. Trambley is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of California San Diego Medical Center. After MD and PhD training at Emory University in Atlanta, GA, he completed an internal medicine residency at the University of California, San Francisco. In 2007 he moved to San Diego to take his current position training California's doctors of tomorrow. In late 2007 Dr. Trambley became the Political Co-chairperson for the Human Rights Campaign San Diego Steering Committee. Since then, he has also been involved in the "No on 8" campaign, Marriage Equality USA, the San Diego LGBT Community Leadership Council Public Policy Advisory Committee, and electoral politics. He currently authors the "Politically Aware" column in the San Diego LGBT Weekly.

Pat Washington, PhD, has held a number of local, state, and national leadership positions and participated in a broad range of political, social justice and education-related activities. Dr. Washington worked on voter outreach and voter registration efforts for the San Diego "No on 54" campaign, and she worked with We the People Democratic Club, San Diego Democratic Club, the San Diego Branch NAACP and other organizations to increase voter registration and voter turnout for elections. Dr. Washington's personal and professional experiences help her maintain an unwavering commitment to equality, fairness, and social justice for all people. Nearly every area of her life – race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class background, and other social markers – have given her tremendous incentive to champion the rights of the traditionally underrepresented.