



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes:**  
November 28, 2012

**Economic Growth Services**

1200 Third Avenue, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Large Conf. Room, San Diego, CA 92101 - 619.236.6364

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<b>Present:</b> Emiliano Aragon Gloria Cazares David Felsen Deborah Flores	<b>Present:</b> Donovan Geiger Bob Morris Patricia Reeve Elizabeth Robles Pamela Thorsch	<b>Excused:</b> Alfonso Hernandez Fred Raafat	<b>Guests:</b> David Edick Suzie Ditmars
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**City Staff:** Adrienne Turner

**Call to Order:** Donovan Geiger @ 9:14 a.m.

**Approval of August Minutes** – The August meeting minutes were approved. (No quorum at September and October meetings).

**Reappointment of Board members:** Reappointed board members, Gloria Cazares, Deborah Flores, Donovan Geiger, Elizabeth Robles and Pamela Thorsch, plus existing member Patricia Reeve introduced themselves to the new board members and expressed their areas of interest.

**Welcome new Board members:** New board members introduced themselves: David Felsen expressed an interest in East Asia and suggested formulating long term goals for the board that would help further San Diego's international position in the world. Bob Morris expressed a strong interest in the San Diego/Tijuana bi-national activities. He plans an extended visit to Mexico in January to further his language skills. Emiliano Aragon suggested he would pursue what would best fit with the new mayor's goals.

Donovan Geiger circulated the international map and asked members to let him know what areas they would like to represent so he could finalize the map.

All members agreed it would be best to find out as soon as possible how the board could best serve the mayor. Both Bob Morris and David Felsen said they could pursue connections to invite the mayor to a meeting in the near future so the board could receive clear directions.

**Action Items and Information Reports:**

Future Guest Speakers: Donovan mentioned The San Diego Consular Corps was interested. Staff reported that the website had been updated.

**Adjournment:** Donovan Geiger adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** January 15, 2012 (December meeting cancelled)

**If unable to attend meeting, call Adrienne Turner at 619.236.6364 or email at [aturner@sandiego.gov](mailto:aturner@sandiego.gov)**

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