



# Mayor Dick Murphy NEWS FOR RELEASE

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## **MAYOR APPOINTS FOUR TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS**

**San Diego** – Mayor Dick Murphy today announced the appointment of Susan Lew and Ernest Wright Sr., and the reappointment of Laurie Black and Melvin Katz to the Board of Library Commissioners. The duties of the Board are to consider all policy matters relating to the development and operation of the library system of the City of San Diego.

**Susan Lew**, founder and president of S. Lew & Associates, Inc., was born in Canton, China and moved to the United States in 1965. Lew presently serves as chair for the Development Circle of the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) and as director and vice-chairman of 1st Pacific Bank of California. Lew served as a board member for the Port Commission, the Old Globe Theater and the California Economic Strategy Panel. She has also served on the board and was president of the Chinese Center. Lew currently serves on the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation board and the Nature Conservancy Advisory Board.

**Ernest Wright, Sr.**, a former NFL standout with the San Diego Chargers, now dedicates his time and resources to improving the quality of life for San Diego's youth. Wright is the chairman of Pro Kids Golf Academy & Learning Center which he founded in 1993 at the Colina Park Golf Course in City Heights. He is a member of the Lincoln Club of San Diego County, the San Diego Epilepsy Society, the San Diego Crime Commission and serves as a trustee of the San Diego Museum of Art. Wright has received a number of awards for his dedication to the community including a Channel 10 Leadership Award and the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego - Golden Achievement Award.

**Laurie Black**, who currently serves on the Library Commission, heads her political consulting firm, LJ Black Consulting Group. Black is a past president of the Downtown Partnership and served on the board of directors for the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau and Congregation Beth Israel. Black was a corporate secretary on the board of directors of the San Diego City College Foundation and served on the Budget, Finance and Nominating Committees of the San Diego Opera. She is also a member of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. Black holds a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in women's studies from San Diego State University.

**Melvin Katz**, a current Library Commissioner, is the co-owner and executive officer of Manpower Temporary Services. He serves on the board of directors for the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego Urban League and is the chairman of the board for Youth Education Town (YET). A San Diego Rotarian since 1978, Katz served on the San Diego Convention Center Corporation board of directors and currently is a member of the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau. Katz has a bachelor's in marketing and business administration from the University of Nevada.

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