




THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TODD GLORIA
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 28, 2021

TO: Honorable Council President Jennifer Campbell
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointment and Reappointments to the Accessibility Advisory Board

I am appointing Dr. Mary McKenzie to the Accessibility Advisory Board to a term ending June 30, 2022. I am also reappointing Mary Wolford and Elaine Cooluris each to terms ending June 30, 2022.

Dr. McKenzie has lived in San Diego for over 25 years and has spent most of that time educating students as a professor of political science at the University of San Diego (USD). Dr. McKenzie's volunteer experience includes serving on the Hillcrest Town Council, Uptown Planners, the San Diego Diplomacy Council and the USD College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. McKenzie has had rheumatoid arthritis since her childhood. Increasingly, her activism and teaching has grown to include the important issue of disability rights.

Ms. Wolford spent 43 years serving residents of the City of San Diego. She worked for more than 20 years in the Public Works Engineering Division executing capital improvement projects related to accessibility. In 2011, Ms. Wolford joined the City's Office of ADA Compliance. She also worked as a Certified Access Specialist for ADA self-evaluations and transition plans.

Ms. Cooluris has over 40 years of experience at Abled-Disabled Advocacy (A-DA) - an organization that provides advocacy, universal technology assistance, disability and accessibility awareness consulting and employment-related services for disabled youth and adults. Under her leadership, A-DA was the first organization in the San Diego region to offer assistive technology computer training and employment assistance to the blind, deaf and hard-of-hearing, and individuals with severe mobility challenges.

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I thank them for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

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cc: Honorable Mara Elliott, City Attorney
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Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst