



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO


**TODD GLORIA**

MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 4, 2023

TO: Honorable Council President Sean Elo-Rivera  
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointment and Reappointments to the Board of Library  
Commissioners

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I am appointing Patricia Williams Bevelyn to the Board of Library Commissioners. I am also reappointing Shawna Hook-Held, Ben Moraga, Linda Caballero Sotelo, and Wendy Ranck-Buhr to the board.

Ms. Bevelyn is a retired County of San Diego employee who worked for the Department of Social Services as well as the Health and Human Services Agency. She started her career with the County as a social worker and rose through the ranks to retire as the Child and Welfare Services Manager. Ms. Bevelyn is a founding member of Project Save Our Children -- a community-based program that aims to eliminate the disproportionate number of African American children in Child Welfare Services. She has also served as past President and Treasurer of Webster Academy of Science PTSA. Ms. Bevelyn attended Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She then earned a master's degree in Social Work from San Diego State University. She is being appointed to a two-year term ending March 1, 2024.

Ms. Hook-Held is an experienced administrator at UC San Diego. Currently, she works as an Engaged Learning Tools Specialist for Teaching + Learning Commons, where she administers instructional development for educators as well as student academic support. Prior to this role, she worked as a Program Coordinator for the International House at UC San Diego. Ms. Hook-Held earned her Bachelor of Arts with a self-designed concentration in Women's Bodies and Voice from Western Washington University. She went on to earn a master's degree in Women's Studies from San Diego State University. She is being reappointed to a two-year term ending March 1, 2024.

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Mr. Moraga is Vice President of Sharp HealthCare Foundation. He leads a team of twelve across three foundations, representing four acute care hospitals, three specialty hospitals, and over twenty-two outpatient clinics. Before joining Sharp, he spent eight years with the San Diego State University (SDSU) as the Associate Vice President, University Relations and Development. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a minor in Public Administration from San Diego State University. He is being reappointed to a two-year term ending March 1, 2024.

Ms. Caballero Sotelo is the Executive Director of the New Americans Museum. A first-generation immigrant born and raised in Tijuana, Mexico, she is deeply committed to advancing immigrants of all backgrounds. She has over 20 years of professional experience as a senior-level executive, advocate, and activist for high-profile national and international projects and organizations. Ms. Caballero Sotelo has served as president and chief executive officer of the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and director of marketing and corporate communications for the San Diego Workforce Partnership. She is being reappointed to a two-year term ending March 1, 2025.

Dr. Ranck-Buhr has over 30 years of experience in education. She is an Instructional Support Officer for the San Diego Unified School District. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Art degrees at San Diego State University and completed her Ph.D. at Claremont Graduate University and San Diego State University. She is being reappointed to a two-year term ending March 1, 2025, in the San Diego Unified School District Representative seat.

I thank each of them for their willingness to serve our city.

MTG:cwd

cc: Honorable Mara Elliott, City Attorney  
Diana Fuentes, Interim City Clerk  
Charles Modica, Independent Budget Analyst