




THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

TODD GLORIA
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 28, 2023

TO: Honorable Council President Sean Elo-Rivera
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments to the Mission Bay Park Committee

I am appointing Bernadette Butkiewicz, Ryan Karlsgodt, and Catherine Jolley Umemoto to the Mission Bay Park Committee. I am also reappointing James Gross and Dr. Judith Muñoz to this Committee.

Ms. Butkiewicz is a Senior Public Affairs Manager with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E). She has overseen \$4.9 billion worth of projects in her role as Chair San Diego Unified Bond Oversight Committee, advocating for equitable and just development throughout the City of San Diego. Ms. Butkiewicz obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Sonoma State University. She is being appointed to a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, in the District 2 Representative Seat. I thank Councilmember Campbell for this nomination.

Mr. Karlsgodt is a Senior Associate at Strategies 360. Previously, he served as a research analyst for UNITE HERE! Local 30, San Diego's hotel and hospitality workers union where she was responsible for coalition building. Mr. Karlsgodt served in the Obama Administration in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, where he helped coordinate political appointments. In the last two years of the Obama Administration, Ryan was a Presidential appointee in the Office of Global Climate Change at the U.S. Agency for International Development. He is being appointed to a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, in the At-Large Seat.

Ms. Umemoto is an educator, advocate, and 21-year resident of Pacific Beach. She is the vice president and former president of the Pacific Beach Town Council. She has taught kindergarten with the El Cajon Valley School District

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for over 30 years. She received her master's in education from San Diego State University. She is being appointed to a two-year term ending June 30, 2025, in the At-Large Seat.

Mr. Gross is a seasoned hospitality executive with over 20 years of progressive experience in repositioning assets, driving revenues, and developing a strong culture that assures successful operations. A resident of District 5, Mr. Gross currently serves as the General Manager of the Paradise Point Resort and Spa and is an active member of the Mission Bay Lessees Association and the Discover Mission Bay Committee. Mr. Gross is being reappointed to a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, in the Lessee seat.

Dr. Muñoz is a retired Vice President of the Scripps Research Institute. Previously she was an administrator at the University of California at San Diego and the University of San Diego. She has served in leadership positions on several professional nonprofit boards, including the Petco Foundation, San Diego Hospice, the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness, the San Diego Natural History Museum, the Clairemont Town Council, and the San Diego Humane Society. She also served as the interim President and CEO of the San Diego Humane Society. Dr. Muñoz holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Oregon and a doctorate from the University of San Diego. She is being reappointed to a two-year term ending June 30, 2024, in the District 2 Representative Seat. I thank Councilmember Campbell for this nomination.

MTG:cwd

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

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