




THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**TODD GLORIA**  
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2022

TO: Honorable Council President Sean Elo-Rivera  
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointments and Reappointments to the Historical Resources Board

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I am appointing Bruce Abrams, Kristi Byers, Dr. Li-Rong Lilly Cheng, Carla Farley, and Michael Taylor to the Historical Resources Board. In addition, I am reappointing Tim Hutter and David McCullough to the Board.

Mr. Abrams, Esq., provides a wealth of experience serving the city of San Diego on various advisory boards. His civic engagement experience includes serving as Chair of the City's International Affairs Board, Chair of the City's Human Relations Commission (HRC), and as a San Diego County Commissioner on the Social Service Advisory Board. Prior board service includes the Anti-Defamation League of San Diego, National Conflict Resolution Center, American Civil Liberties Union, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Equality California. Mr. Abrams is being appointed to a term ending March 1, 2023 and will be seated as a General Member.

Ms. Byers is a licensed architect with over 22 years of project experience on commercial, industrial, civic, university, K-12, mid-and high-rise mixed-use, residential, and master planning projects throughout Southern California and across the U.S. Her firm has become an industry leader in discretionary and ministerial permits for commercial, industrial, and adaptive reuse projects. An active member of the architectural community, Ms. Byers has served on the American Institute of Architecture San Diego Chapter's Board of Directors, the American Institute of Architects California Council Board of Directors, the Council Repositioning Committee, and Advocacy Advisory Committee. Ms. Byers holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Arizona. Ms. Byers is being appointed to a term ending March 1, 2024 and will serve in a professional capacity fulfilling the Architect seat requirement.

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Dr. Cheng currently serves as the Director of the Chinese Cultural Center at San Diego State University and a professor in the School of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences. Her volunteer experience includes serving as the past chair of the Multicultural Issues Board for the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association (ASHA) and, currently, the Chair of the Education Committee for the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics (IALP). Dr. Cheng holds a master's degree in Linguistics from Michigan State University and a doctorate in Speech Pathology and Multicultural Education from San Diego State University. Dr. Cheng is being appointed to a term ending March 1, 2023, and will serve in a professional capacity fulfilling the History seat requirement.

Ms. Farley, a San Diego native, is the immediate past president of the Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®, becoming the first African American woman to hold the position of president in the organization's 141 years. She is the broker/owner and president of Corban Realty Group Inc, a full-service sales and property management brokerage, and has served San Diego for more than 27 years. Through her studies at San Diego City College and Universal Accounting College, she's worked in nursing and the accounting fields and with the Military Communications Center before entering the real estate industry. Ms. Farley is being appointed to a term ending March 1, 2024, and will serve in a professional capacity seated as an At-Large member.

Mr. Taylor is an archaeologist and President of NWB Environmental Services, LLC, a cultural resource management firm specializing in an array of archaeological services, including FAA compliant aerial services using drones. He is also the President of NWB Imaging, a cinematic film production company. He serves on the Board of Directors for The Old Globe and is a filmmaker, producer, writer, and director whose shows can be seen on KPBS. Mr. Taylor is a Marine veteran and an alumnus of San Diego City College with an associate degree in Anthropology, a certificate in Archaeology, and an alumnus of Columbia University with a degree in Anthropological Archaeology. Mr. Taylor is being appointed to a term ending March 1, 2024 and will serve in a professional capacity fulfilling the Archeology seat requirement.

Mr. Hutter is a partner at Allen Matkins, where he practices in the firm's litigation and land-use groups. His practice focuses primarily on business and real estate disputes, including contract, construction, joint venture,

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entitlement, land-use, and commercial landlord/tenant litigation. He has served on the City's Historical Resources Board since 2016. Mr. Hutter holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Yale University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law. Mr. Hutter is being reappointed to a term ending March 1, 2024 and will serve in a professional capacity seated as a General Member.

Mr. McCullough is the principal landscape architect for McCullough Landscape Architecture, Inc. and brings over twenty years of architecture, construction, urban planning, and environmental services expertise to the Board. He has served on the City's Historical Resources Board since 2017 and currently sits as its Chair. Mr. McCullough holds a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Mr. McCullough is being reappointed to a term ending March 1, 2023 and will serve in a professional capacity fulfilling the Landscape Architect seat requirement.

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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