KEVIN L. FAULCONER
MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: **March 14, 2014**

TO: **Honorable Todd Gloria, Council President**
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: **Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer**

SUBJECT: **Appointments to the Planning Commission**

It is my pleasure to appoint Mr. Douglas H. Austin and Mr. James E. Whalen to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Austin is a widely renowned expert in urban development. He established his own firm over 32 years ago that focuses on planning, architecture and design. Mr. Austin served as chair of Design and Construction Task Force for the city of San Diego's PetCo Park and Ballpark District as well as Vice Chairman of San Diego's Center City Development Corporation. He has been the recipient of over 100 Design Awards as well as several other awards for his contributions to his profession.

Mr. Whalen is a recognized government affairs expert, real estate developer and wildlife biologist. He has over 29 years of experience in land use and environmental matters. His past projects include the San Miguel Ranch in Chula Vista, Urban Corps headquarters redevelopment, Palomar College campus, and many restorations of local wetlands. Mr. Whalen has received numerous professional accolades and peer recognition for his work on resolution of land use, energy, redevelopment, retail development, affordable housing, and senior housing issues.

I look forward to working with Mr. Austin and Mr. Whalen, and am confident they will provide welcome expertise to the Planning Commission.

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cc: Honorable Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk