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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2014
TO: Honorable Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer
FROM: Council President Todd Gloria 
SUBJECT: International Affairs Board Nomination

I am pleased to nominate Dr. Carla Kirkwood for the current vacancy on the International Affairs Board.

Dr. Kirkwood is a lifelong resident of District Three and is currently the Center of International Studies and Programs coordinator at Southwestern College. Her past experience includes being the Academic Director for Title V, a Hispanic grant program, as well as being a highly regarded lecturer, director, author, and artist.

Dr. Kirkwood has considerable skill and experience in international relations and has earned degrees and diplomas from three different international universities. From 1982-85, she was a graduate student in Beijing, China, and the first American to ever receive a degree from the Central Drama Academy in Beijing. She also completed a year of intensive Chinese language study at the Beijing Languages University and has strong conversational skills in Mandarin. In 1986, she completed a Masters Degree at the University of Leeds (England) in Theatre Studies. Her doctorate program at UCSD focused on Chinese culture and performance, in particular the work of her mentor and teacher, Nobel Prize winner Gao Xingjian.

I believe that Dr. Kirkwood's professional experience, educational background, and leadership make her an ideal candidate who deserves your consideration as a member of the International Affairs Board.

Attachment

cc: Honorable Councilmembers