



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: August 15, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Department Directors

FROM: David Graham, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Neighborhood Services
via Scott Chadwick, Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: Announcement of Commission for Arts and Culture Appointment – Executive Director

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dana Springs as the Executive Director for the Commission for Arts and Culture.

Dana Springs is an arts administrator with over 15 years of public and private sector experience managing projects and programs involving artists. On staff at the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture since 2000 and having served as the Interim Executive Director since August 13, 2013, Dana has excelled in managing a variety of programs including the 2% for art in public construction projects undertaken by the City and 1% for art in private development projects.

Dana excels in collaborating, whether internally with City staff or with private and public entities. She oversaw the installation of the largest exhibition of City-owned artworks in the City's history which was placed in the New Central Library. She is also collaborating with the Port of San Diego and Civic San Diego to realize public art in major redevelopment projects, including the North Embarcadero and Horton Plaza Park.

Prior to entering the field of arts administration, Dana supported copywriters, graphic designers and art directors in the fields of advertising and branding. She holds a bachelor's degree in visual art/dance from University of California, San Diego and was named by San Diego Magazine as one of "50 People to Watch" in 2013.

Please join me in welcoming Dana to the management team.

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cc: Stephen Puetz, Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
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