

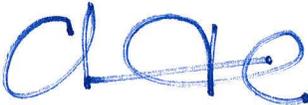


**COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
SIXTH DISTRICT**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 2, 2017

TO: Council President Myrtle Cole

FROM: Councilmember Chris Cate 

SUBJECT: Nomination of Gary Wong to the Unified Port District Board of Commissioners

Please consider my nomination of Gary Wong to fill the vacant appointment on the Port Commission.

With more than 20 years of experience and proven success in finance, real estate assets, and global relations, Gary Wong is highly qualified to serve as Commissioner for the Unified Port District.

Serving in senior management for one of the world's largest financial institutions, Union Bank, Mr. Wong managed and underwrote nearly \$500,000,000 a month for clients, earning him leadership roles on advisory boards such as the San Diego Mortgage Bankers Association, Fair Housing Council of San Diego, City of San Diego's Consolidated Plan Advisory Board, and the Union Bank Foundation.

Mr. Wong's years of involvement with real estate management will assist the Port to maximize revenue, and capitalize on Port Assets to provide the most community benefit. Furthermore, his decades of participation in community and civic organizations, such as LEAD San Diego and Pacific Arts Movement, highlight Gary's knowledge, cognizance, understanding, and passion for the Pacific Rim and multi-national issues that affect San Diego.

Gary Wong has an unwavering desire to serve and his credentials and enthusiasm will be an enormous asset to The Port of San Diego. I trust that you will find Mr. Wong a well-qualified candidate. Thank you for your consideration.

CC: jh

cc: Mayor Kevin Faulconer
City Attorney Mara Elliott
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst
Liz Maland, City Clerk