



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER RAUL A. CAMPILLO  
THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
SEVENTH DISTRICT**

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 5, 2021

TO: Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

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SUBJECT: The Board of Library Commissioners Nomination - Shawna Hook-Held

It is with great pleasure that I write this memorandum in full support of Shawna Hook-Held's desire to serve on the Board of Library Commissioners. Shawna has submitted her application through the on-line Boards and Commission portal.

Shawna's educational, professional, and personal experience make her an ideal candidate to serve on the Commission.

As a child growing up in Everett, Washington, Shawna spent many days exploring the library checking out as many books and movies as possible. When she was in high school, Shawna used the library as a refuge. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, the library gave Shawna access to programs, videos, books, and magazines that validated her identity and instilled a confidence that can only come from a sense of true belonging. Now as the parent of two young children in Council District 7, Shawna and her children regularly visit the San Carlos Library, fondly known in her home as "Book Park".

Shawna earned her Master of Arts in Women's Studies from San Diego State University. She also earned her Bachelor of Arts with a Self-Designed Concentration in Women Bodies and Voice from Western Washington University.

I believe Shawna's background will benefit the residents of San Diego immensely by ensuring the Board of Library Commissioners continues to have an eye toward

equity and inclusion as well as a skilled collaborator who is a passionate Library advocate.

For these and many different reasons, I request that you give Shawna Hook-Held due consideration for appointment to the Board of Library Commissioners.

Cc: Paola Avila, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Gloria  
Nick Serrano, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Gloria  
Mathew Gordon, Director, Appointments/Boards and Commissions  
Michael Simonsen, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Campillo

Enclosure: Hook-Held Cover Letter  
Hook-Held Resume

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