



**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : April 17, 2008

TO : Council President Scott Peters & Honorable Members of the
San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment and Reappointment to the Planning Commission,
Introduction of Future Appointee, and New Vice Chair

It is my pleasure to appoint Tim Golba and reappoint Dennis Otsuji to the Planning Commission, subject to your confirmation. It is also my pleasure to introduce you to a future appointee to the Planning Commission, Mary Lydon, who will be appointed to the Planning Commission in February 2009.

Tim Golba is the Principal for Golba Architecture, Inc., a full service architectural design firm specializing in residential architecture, commercial and renovation/reconstruction projects. Mr. Golba established the corporation in 1989, and in nearly 20 years, the firm has received numerous awards and acknowledgements for its diverse architectural designs and projects. Mr. Golba's range of architectural expertise includes single-family, multi-family, as well as, historic preservation and rehabilitation. Golba Architecture's designs have been showcased in projects including LEGOLAND California, YMCA of San Diego County, Bruegger's Bagels, Avalon Apartment Communities, and Coldstone Ice Cream Stores. Mr. Golba has also provided rehabilitation design for housing projects, office buildings, and transitional housing facilities. Rehabilitation projects include Oakwood Apartments at Crown Point, Cortez Hill Family Transitional Housing Facility which was rehabilitated from a "tired" motor lodge in Cortez Hill to a 50-room transitional housing facility for homeless families, and Becky's House 1 & 2 which were new designs for domestic abuse transitional housing facilities.

Mr. Golba and Golba Architecture have been acknowledged for outstanding architectural design and featured in various publications. The firm's projects and design excellence has been featured in Better Homes & Gardens, San Diego Design Magazine, San Diego Home/Garden Lifestyles Magazine, and Sunset Magazine. Mr. Golba has also donated his architectural skills to social causes and projects that make a difference in the lives of

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others. This includes donating his expertise for various projects benefiting charitable and social service agencies committed to serving the homeless population and victims of domestic violence. In 2001, Builder Magazine and Pacific Coast Builders Conference acknowledged Golba Architecture with a "Golden Nugget" Grand Award – Best in the West, for its multi-family housing design of Becky's House 1. Golba Architecture was also acknowledged with a "Rose Award" from the City's Regional Homeless Task Force, for its design and contributions for the Cortez Hill Family Transitional Housing Facility. Mr. Golba was also awarded the "40 Under Forty" Award by San Diego Metropolitan Magazine in 2000.

Mr. Golba has also been a visionary leader in incorporating and advocating for sustainable energy design practices and projects. Through his work at Golba Architecture, Mr. Golba actively encourages the inclusion of "green building" and sustainable building features in architectural design projects, and reaches beyond his firm to engage the building community in environmentally-friendly design. Since 2004, Mr. Golba has also actively served on the City's Sustainable Energy Advisory Board, which develops methods to improve and enhance the use of sustainable design throughout the City of San Diego.

Beyond, Mr. Golba's professional ventures, he is committed to contributing his time and expertise to benefit the public and serve the community. In 2005, Mr. Golba was elected to the La Jolla Community Planning Association and has served as the Association's President since 2006. He also serves on the City's Technical Advisory Committee, and the Community Planners Committee. Additionally, Mr. Golba is an active member of Becky's House Advisory Council.

Mr. Golba received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati in 1986. He was nominated by Council President Scott Peters, and will be appointed for a term to expire January 28, 2012. Mr. Golba resides in La Jolla.

Mary Lydon has more than 15 years experience in community, economic, and real estate development, and a strong commitment to affordable housing and community revitalization in urbanized areas of the city. Ms. Lydon is the Executive Director of the Urban Land Institute San Diego/Tijuana, a nonprofit educational and research institute dedicated to providing responsible leadership in the use of land in order to enhance the total environment. As Executive Director, Ms. Lydon oversees all operations of the Urban Land Institute and supports the efforts of the Urban Land Institute San Diego/Tijuana District Council. The Council provides forums and an open exchange on urban planning, growth, and development to ultimately impact the real estate and development industries to create and sustain thriving communities. In 2002, Ms. Lydon established M³ Strategies, a consulting firm, to represent, consult, and provide services for Business Improvement Districts and Community Development Corporations. Her consulting expertise and achievements include securing a development partner for a \$100 million mixed use affordable housing Transit-Oriented Development, securing a \$1.5 million Smart Growth Improvement Grant from CALTRANS, and securing a \$300,000 CALTRANS grant for a pedestrian master plan. Ms. Lydon has also worked as a Business Development Director for Highland Partnership Builders, and Smith Consulting Architects.


From 1996-1999, Ms. Lydon was the Vice President of the Downtown San Diego Partnership and successfully managed the process and campaign for a \$3 million property-based Business Improvement District. Under her stewardship, Ms. Lydon also managed and strengthened various committees including Urban Design & Development, and Parking & Transportation. She also launched an International Business Committee and a High Tech Committee to position downtown as an international business center, as well as a high tech business community. She also created the Social Action Collaborative as a forum to discuss homeless issues. Ms. Lydon has been acknowledged for her land use planning and community development expertise and was part of a team to receive a planning award from the San Diego Section of the American Planning Association in 2003. In addition, Ms. Lydon is a monthly columnist for the San Diego Daily transcript. She has co-authored the "Building for Optimization" column since 2006.

Ms. Lydon has been an avid civic and community volunteer and has made an impact on the San Diego community through her years of service on various civic, business, and community boards. Currently, Ms. Lydon is a member of the Lambda Alpha International, an honorary society for the advancement of land economics. Previously, she was the Past Chair of the Urban Land Institute San Diego Tijuana District Council, Past Board Member of the Gaslamp Quarter Historic Foundation, Past President of the Friends of Downtown, Past Board member of the Hillcrest Association, and Past Secretary and member of the Downtown San Diego Rotary Club. Due to Ms. Lydon's civic achievements, she was selected as the "Woman of the Year" in 1997 by the Friends of Downtown.

Ms. Lydon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Wisconsin. She will replace Kathleen Garcia, who is termed out, for a term expiring January 28, 2012. Ms. Lydon resides in South Park.

Further, with Kathleen Garcia's departure as the former Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, it is my duty to designate a new Vice Chair. It is my pleasure to designate Mr. Eric Naslund as the new Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and reappointment and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time and serve the City of San Diego.


JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland