



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO


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MAYOR

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2021

TO: Honorable Council President Jennifer Campbell
Honorable Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Todd Gloria 

SUBJECT: Appointments to the San Diego City Employees Retirement System
Board of Administration

It is my pleasure to appoint Lisa Marie Harris, Michelle Bush, and Louie Nguyen to the San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS) Board of Administration each to a four-year term ending March 31, 2025. I am also happy to re-appoint Roberta Spoon to a four-year term ending March 31, 2025. I will also re-appoint Natasha Collura as the Mayoral designee on the SDCERS Board of Administration effective immediately.

Ms. Harris is a 28-year veteran in the field of public finance, having served at all levels of government: federal, state and local. Over her career, she has garnered a national reputation in the field largely from the issuance of billions of tax-exempt bonds, management of billions of assets and from her active service in national civic organizations such as Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and Women in Public Finance (WPF). Ms. Harris holds a Bachelor's degree in economics from UC Berkeley and a Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.

Ms. Bush has over 20 years of experience in finance, operations, and strategic planning. Currently, she serves as the Chief Administrative Officer for the San Diego County District Attorney's Office – a position she has held for the past 15 years. Ms. Bush also has experience working for one of the largest international auditing, tax, and consulting firms, KPMG Peat Marwick, where she served as Senior Manager to many of the leading government and not-for-profit organizations in San Diego County. Ms. Bush earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from San Diego State University, and is a certified public accountant (CPA) in the State of California.

Mr. Nguyen is a seasoned financial analyst with close to 25 years of experience. Prior to joining Mission Driven Finance, Mr. Nguyen ran Soledad Investment Management, where he made global investments including impact-oriented investments in Vietnam. Before launching Soledad, Mr. Nguyen was a senior portfolio manager for the Needelman Asset Management International Value product. Earlier in his career, he worked directly with company founder Charles Brandes as an institutional

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portfolio manager for high-profile North American and Asian institutional clients at Brandes Investment Partners. Mr. Nguyen is also civically engaged holding civic leadership positions with the Mingei International Museum and Asian American Repertory Theatre.

Ms. Spoon is a licensed CPA and a founding partner at the forensic accounting firm of Brodshatzer, Wallace, Spoon & Yip, CPAs. Ms. Spoon's experience in volunteerism includes two-terms as Board Vice Chair for the San Diego Housing Commission where she was also the Audit Committee Chair and served on the Strategic Planning Committee. She also volunteers for the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center as Audit Committee Chair and Housing Development Partners, serving as an Audit Committee Chair and as Board Treasurer. Ms. Spoon's educational background includes a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Finance from San Diego State University

Ms. Collura is the City's Executive Director of Special Events and Filming for the City of San Diego. She oversees a portfolio of services that support the City's special event, filming, business and tourism industries.

I am confident that these individuals will bring their invaluable experiences and expertise to the SDCERS Board of Administration, and I thank them for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

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cc: Honorable Mara Elliott, City Attorney
Elizabeth Maland, City Clerk
Andrea Tevlin, Independent Budget Analyst