



**City of San Diego
Eighth District**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2017

TO: Mayor Kevin Faulconer

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez

SUBJECT: Nomination of Ben Meza to the Commission for Arts and Culture

I am pleased to nominate Ben Meza to the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture.

Ben is an architect and principal with Architects Mosher Drew. His clients include Sharp Healthcare, Kaiser Permanente, Children's Hospital, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and San Diego Zoo Global. Ben's projects of note include the Rady Children's Hospital North Coastal Center Castle of Care and the Asian Tiger Exhibit at Safari Park.

As a lifelong resident of San Ysidro, Ben is passionate about helping his community by lending a voice to the underserved through his volunteer work. He currently serves as a board member of the San Ysidro Community Planning Group, is President of the Friends of the San Ysidro Library, a founding board member of the San Ysidro Foundation and is a member of the Chula Vista Rotary Club.

As a painter and sculptor, Ben's portraiture work has won awards from the Bonita Museum & Cultural Center and the San Diego Portrait Society. His involvement in the arts community and passion for the arts will make him an outstanding addition to the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate such a well qualified and knowledgeable candidate.