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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Governmental Relations Director

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew L. Poat as Governmental Relations Director effective August 6, 2001. Mr. Poat was selected from an exceptionally qualified and competitive pool of candidates throughout the nation. He will report directly to the City Manager.

Mr. Poat brings eighteen years of experience in highly demanding positions in the Executive and Legislative branches of Federal, State and local government. Most notably, he has served as a Legislative and Executive Assistant to United States Senator Wilson, Deputy Director in the Office of Advisor to the President for Consumer Policy, Undersecretary for State & Consumer Services Agency, Cabinet Secretary to Governor Wilson, Chief Deputy Director for Caltrans and Vice President for Stoorza Communications. Mr. Poat has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Affairs, Phi Beta Kappa, from The George Washington University. His many distinguished accomplishments include: leading a statewide team that partnered with Congress to increase annual state transportation revenues by \$870 million, testifying numerous times before Congress and the State Legislature, developing legislation relating to international trade and fire safety, developing legislation dealing with the restoration of regulatory enforcement tools for California Department of Fair Employment & Housing, served as the Governor's Policy Director for Commissions on State Technology Procurement Reform and Military Base Reuse, and was the Governor's coordinator on the State's response to the Northridge earthquake.

Mr. Poat has expressed fervent interest in the San Diego region and in public policy issues. Please join me in welcoming him to our management team.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. Uberuaga
City Manager

cc: Management Team