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ATTENTION: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of the Coordinator for Binational Affairs

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Elsa R. Saxod as the Coordinator for Binational Affairs for the City of San Diego. She will begin her new position on December 3, 2001. This is Ms. Saxod's second appointment with the City as she served as the Director of Binational Affairs from 1986 to 1990.

After her tenure with the City, Ms. Saxod was appointed by Governor Wilson as Director of the Governor's Office of California/Mexico Affairs. The office, which was established in recognition of the growing importance of relations between the State of California and Mexico, was moved to San Diego with her appointment.

She served as Executive Director of the US/Mexico Border Progress Foundation, a border wide, binational organization. The Foundation's mission was to improve the environment along the US/Mexico border region through education and outreach.

Most recently, she was hired by Katz and Associates to work on internationally recognized wastewater treatment projects at the US/Mexico border for the Metropolitan Wastewater Department. Her work was expanded to include the potential sale of reclaimed water to the City of Tijuana for its Water Department.

Having lived and been educated in both the United States and Mexico, Ms. Saxod has a unique understanding of the two cultures. She is a graduate of San Diego State University and has been honored by the California Women in Government, the California Cable Television Industry, and the US Small Business Administration.

Ms. Saxod's community work has included posts as National Board of Directors, US/Mexico Chamber of Commerce; Commissioner, State Fair Employment and Housing Commission; Commissioner, Commission of the Californias; Member, California Task Force on California/Mexico; Member, Good Neighbor Environmental Board; Board of Directors, San Diego Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, LEAD San Diego; Member, San Diego State University Alumni Association.

Respectfully submitted,		
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