



City of San Diego  
Councilmember David Alvarez, Eighth District  
Councilmember Scott Sherman, Seventh District

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
TO: Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez  
Councilmember Scott Sherman  
RE: Appointments to the Ethics Commission

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We are honored to nominate for reappointment Alex Kreit. Mr. Kreit is a graduate of Hampshire College and the University of Pennsylvania School Law, and is currently an Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Law and Social Justice at Thomas Jefferson School of Law (TJSL). Prior to Mr. Kreit moving to San Diego in 2007, he worked as a law clerk for the Honorable M. Blane Michael of the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Charleston, West Virginia and as a litigation associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP in San Francisco.

Mr. Kreit is widely respected in his field and known for his academic publications including: Controlled Substances: Crime, Regulation, and Policy (Carolina Academic Press, 2013) and Drug Abuse and the Law: Sourcebook (West, 2013). Mr. Kreit is actively involved in the community having served on a number of boards serving as President of the American Constitution Society's San Diego Lawyer Chapter and as a Board Member of the East Village Association, and Chair of the City of San Diego's Medical Marijuana Task Force from 2009 to 2010. Mr. Kreit continues to practice law, representing indigent defendants in state criminal appeals as a panel attorney for Appellate Defenders, Inc. Mr. Kreit is a registered Democrat and has been serving on the Ethics Commission since 2014 with distinction.

We are honored to nominate for reappointment Dave Potter. Mr. Potter manages Potter & Associates, a planning and environmental consulting firm he established in 1993. Mr. Potter received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies and a Master of City Planning degree from the Ohio State University, and is currently certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners. Previously, he served over 21 years with the City's Planning Department in a variety of positions, including Deputy Planning Director. He is currently serving on the Mission Bay Park/Improvement Oversight Committee.

Mr. Potter has a long standing record of public service having served on the 2010 Redistricting Commission, the Medical Marijuana Task Force, and the Mid-Coast Corridor Transit Project Working Group. After retiring from the City, Mr. Potter served on and chaired his local Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee and the City-wide Community Planners Committee. Mr. Potter is not registered as a member of any political party and has been serving on the Ethics Commission since 2015 with distinction.

We are honored to nominate for appointment Fred Kosmo. Mr. Kosmo is a partner with WTK with over 25 years of experience practicing in business litigation. After beginning his career at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Mr. Kosmo joined WTK in 1992 during the founding years of the company. His experience encompasses multiple practice areas and involves the representation of companies across a broad spectrum of industries including: manufacturing, retail, technology, nutrition, energy, services, healthcare and real estate. Many of the cases Mr. Kosmo works on are often "high stakes" cases involving multi-million dollar claims and hotly contested litigation issues.

In addition to his active litigation practice, Mr. Kosmo is a respected leader in the legal community having held the position of President of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers ("ABTL"), Chair of the Federal Magistrate Judge Selection Committee, President of the William L. Todd Inn of Court, and Commissioner on the San Diego City Redistricting Commission.

Mr. Kosmo graduated with honors, *Order of the Coif*, from the University of Southern California Law Center, where he served as an Article Editor, for the Southern California Law Review.

Mr. Kosmo served with distinction on the City of San Diego Redistricting Commission in 2010 to 2011 and has been serving on the Independent Rates Oversight Committee since 2016. He is a registered Republican.

CC: Francis Barraza, Director of Appointments