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## **UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO PRESIDENT APPOINTED TO CITY OF SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD**

**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, JUNE 2, 2009** – The United Nations Association of San Diego (UNASD) announces that the organization’s President, Dr. Mary McKenzie, has been appointed by Mayor Jerry Sanders to the International Affairs Board. In addition to her expertise in international affairs, Dr. Mary McKenzie was selected because she represents UNASD, an organization that works with numerous other international organizations that seek to bring local communities together with the goal of fostering peace.

Dr. Mary McKenzie’s appointment reflects UNASD’s 60 plus years of contributing, leading, and participating in numerous projects and campaigns that promote better understanding between peoples and communities. To name a few, the organization has worked to ensure and promote human rights, protect the environment, improve communications between cultural, ethnic and religious communities, combat HIV/AIDS, and protect children around the world through organizing, sponsoring or participating in numerous activities and educational conferences locally and globally.

“It is vital that we continue working together in the local international community, and not just tolerate each other’s differences, but truly understand and respect each other. An appointment like this helps our organization and the community take our knowledge and contribute to the next level of developments in San Diego. We are confident Dr. Mary McKenzie will bring our UNA experience to the International Affairs Board, delivering positive results,” says Katharine Kubichan, former President of UNASD.

### **About UNASD**

The United Nations Association of the United States of America and the San Diego Chapter are committed to educating the public about all the critical and essential work of the United Nations. With the help of our members and through public events, fundraisers, and symposia, UNASD aims to build greater international cooperation by starting on the local level. UNA San Diego was founded in 1946 and is a 501c3, non-profit, nongovernmental, and nonpartisan organization. The administrative offices are located at the UN Building in Balboa Park.

### **About the International Affairs Board**

The International Affairs Board aims to foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between peoples and communities of the United States of America and the peoples and community of foreign nations; further economic cooperation and cultural interchange; develop, compile and exchange information; plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities.

For more information about the United Nations Association, please go to the UNA San Diego website: [www.unasd.org](http://www.unasd.org). For more information on the International Affairs board, please visit: <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/intlaffairs.shtml>.

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