

## First 5 Commission of San Diego

November 17, 2009

### Proposed Appointee for the Technical and Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC)

#### **Overview:**

According to the Commission's Bylaws, each member of the Board of Supervisors appoints a Technical Professional Advisory Committee (TPAC) member to serve for a period of two years, beginning in even numbered years. Recent changes in the bylaws have created vacancies in several of the Board of Supervisors appointee positions whose terms would have ended in December 2009. Staff recommends that the new members be appointed to complete the current term and serve a subsequent two-year term to end in December 2011.

TPAC membership is comprised of residents of the County of San Diego, and includes individuals with "specialized knowledge and experience in the areas of community needs assessment, health and social services program evaluation or child care, education, health and social services program administration." [Bylaws, Section 9(A)(1)(a)].

The appointee submitted for Commission approval is indicated below:

#### **District 4 Appointee: Karma Bass**

Karma Bass is president & CEO of Alliance Healthcare Foundation, the only local, nonprofit, and independent healthcare foundation in San Diego County. Prior to joining Alliance Healthcare Foundation, Ms. Bass was Senior Research Executive at The Governance Institute, a San Diego firm focused on educating and training hospital boards of directors across the country. In her 10 years at The Governance Institute, she consulted with CEOs and board leaders to identify best practices in the field and translate them into educational tools that could be adopted across the healthcare industry. Ms. Bass has written, lectured, and consulted on policy and governance matters to national audiences of healthcare CEOs and board leaders. Prior to The Governance Institute, Ms. Bass was director of Program Development at the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties where she managed the Community Health Improvement Partners collaborative. Ms. Bass is board-certified in healthcare management and holds a master's degree in public health with a focus in health services administration from San Diego State University. Ms. Bass is the mother of two young children, ages 6 and 2, and resides in Carlsbad with her family.

#### **Staff Recommendation:**

- 1) Approve the appointment of Ms. Karma Bass, District 4, to TPAC for the period of November 2009 through December 2011.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

None