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## Memorandum

**Date:** May 8, 2007  
**To:** Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Suja Lowenthal, Second District   
**Subject:** Appointees to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

### REQUESTED ACTION:

Respectfully request that the City Attorney draft an ordinance repealing the “for cause” provision in Municipal Code section 2.21.040, which speaks to the removal of a city representative from the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

### BACKGROUND:

Repealing the “for cause” provision in Section 2.21.040 would keep the spirit of these appointments consistent with the language in Charter Amendment Proposition A, passed by voters on May 1, 2007.

Municipal Code Section 2.21.010 reads as follows:

#### **2.21.010 Appointments.**

The city representative to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, as authorized by the Metropolitan Water District Act, shall be designated and appointed by the mayor with the consent and approval of the city council. (Ord. C-5709 § 4 (part), 1981: prior code § 2400(a)).

#### **2.21.020 Term.**

The term of office of the representative shall be for four years commencing on the first day of January of an odd numbered year and continuing until expiration of four years or until his successor has been appointed and qualified. (Ord. C-5709 § 4 (part), 1981: prior code § 2400(b)).

#### **2.21.030 Incumbent.**

The incumbent representative of the city on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water District on the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall serve until December 31, 1980, or until his successor has been appointed and qualified. (Ord. C-5709 § 4 (part), 1981: prior code § 2400(c)).

#### **2.21.040 Removal.**

No duly appointed city representative to said board of directors shall be removed from office except for cause. (Ord. C-5709 § 4 (part), 1981: prior code § 2400(d)).