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## Announcing Three New San Pedro Waterfront Arts District Board Members

*San Pedro, CA* - We are pleased to announce the appointment of three new San Pedro Waterfront Arts District Board Members - **Charmian Tsuchiyama**, **Jake Thompson**, and **Kristie Wallis**. We are grateful they agreed to join us, along with the 7 existing Board Members: **Inez S. Bush** - Board Chair (Director of Partner Programs - CSU Dominguez Hills), **Andrew Silber** - Vice Chair (retired Restaurateur), **Louisa McHugh** - Secretary (Art Teacher, Watercolorist), **Kathy Creighton** (Artist, Community Activist), **Dr. Cora-Ramirez-Vasquez** (Therapist, Artist, Co-owner, Gallery Azul), **Andrea Lastimosa** (Malaga Bank), and **David McKenna** (retired City Attorney). Charmian will be serving as our Treasurer.

The mission of the [San Pedro Waterfront Arts District](#) is to support, advocate, and promote San Pedro artists in all genres. We celebrate diversity and inspire appreciation of cultural and artistic expression. Our vision is to leave a lasting legacy in the form of public art projects, and further engage the community in the arts.

The 3 new Arts District Board Members are:

[Charmian Tsuchiyama](#), CPA, has more than 30 years of experience managing finances at various firms and organizations in the South Bay area. In the past 20 years, she has been instrumental in optimizing the financial and operational functions of several non-profits, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of the LA Harbor, the Immaculate Heart Community, and the Catalina Island Conservancy. Since 2022, she has served as the Chief Financial Officer at AltaSea at the Port of Los Angeles.

[Jake Thompson](#) is a highly experienced educator with an extensive background in education. In the past 20 years, he has coached, taught, and coordinated at schools in his hometown Atlanta as well as here in California, specializing in working with children in grades K through 4. In his previous roles, Jake was vital in developing and improving academic models and curriculum, as well as securing over a million dollars in crucial grant funding for public schools.

[Kristie Wallis](#) is an entrepreneurial partnership marketing executive currently working with Solasta Pictures in Los Angeles. For 15 years she has driven business development and marketing strategies, working with familiar, globally-recognized partners such as NBC, Meta, and Fox Sports. Kristie is also on the Board of Directors for Women's Voices Now, working hard to make a difference in San Pedro.

In addition, the Arts District is excited to be one of the two nonprofits (along with Meals on Wheels) **Ken Creighton** has chosen as beneficiaries of his **San Pedro Honorary Mayor Campaign!** Stay tuned for Honorary Mayor events to be announced soon! If you would like to support his campaign, please donate [here](#).

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