



DATE: October 21, 2020
TO: Mr. Jerry Buckley, Co-Chair
Gay Games San Diego 2026 Task Force
FROM: Mr. Bruce M. Abrams, Esq.
Chairman of the City of San Diego International Affairs Board
SUBJECT: City of San Diego International Affairs Board Support for the 2026 Gay Games

Dear Mr. Buckley,

The City of San Diego International Affairs Board is excited to offer its enthusiastic support to the Gay Games 2026 Task Force in its efforts to bring the 2026 Gay Games to San Diego!

As Chairman of the City of San Diego International Affairs Board, I am committed to promoting San Diego's inclusive global identity and encouraging cultural connections. The 2026 Gay Games promise to do both. By welcoming world-class athletes and their supporters to San Diego, San Diegans will have the opportunity to demonstrate the allyship, advocacy and pride that defines our great city, while being themselves inspired by those who champion acceptance of the global LGBTQ+ community through sport.

Through my international work, I have been inspired by the athletes who train and compete on behalf of host countries who, in some cases, do not yet accept who they are beyond the uniform they wear. Here in San Diego, we understand the power of sport in advancing human rights. Through both widely-publicized demonstrations of solidarity—as was the case with San Diego Loyal's walk-off over alleged homophobic slurs directed at a teammate, as well as more mundane yet powerful acts of community —as illustrated by San Diego's wealth of LGBTQ+ sports leagues, San Diegans are ready to tell the world that LGBTQ+ rights *are* human rights.

San Diego will host a Gay Games that inspires both international competitors and local supporters. I look forward to assisting your efforts to bring the 2026 Gay Games to San Diego!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce M. Abrams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Bruce M. Abrams, Esq.
Chairman, City of San Diego International Affairs Board