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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
PRESS RELEASE**

**MAYOR SANDERS' APPOINTEES TO SEDC BOARD GET
UNANIMOUS CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL**

The City Council on Tuesday unanimously approved Mayor Jerry Sanders' appointments to the Southeastern Economic Development Corp.'s board of directors.

Sanders in August appointed Gina Champion-Cain, Vernon Evans, Richard Lawrence and Simon Wong to the SEDC board, pending council approval. The four appointees bring to the board extensive experience in real estate, development, financial oversight and accounting, as well as design and architecture.

"We're not surprised the council shares our enthusiasm about our selections," said Sanders. "These board members' vast knowledge and skills will help right the SEDC ship after a stormy few months so it can continue to fulfill its important mission on behalf of the community."

The four new appointees replace Kea Hagan, Randy Jones, Charles Simpson and board chairman Chip Owen, all of whose terms have expired. The new board members were sworn in today and will be seated for the next SEDC board meeting, scheduled for Sept. 24.

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