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## UNA-USA San Diego Announces | Establishment of Advisory Board

San Diego, California - June 30, 2015 — United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego), the local Ambassador to and for the United Nations since 1946, today announces its first Advisory Board that will guide and provide focus to the organization's programs in educating and advocating for the work of the United Nations to influence legislation and mobilize for actions.

"In reviewing our past years, we felt the need to establish an Advisory Board that guides and aligns our local advocacy efforts to actively involve civil society in the process of policy input to the United Nations' initiatives and programs with national implications. In other words, building on and strengthening the understanding of true Global Citizenship," said Bettina Hausmann, President and CEO of UNA-USA San Diego. "The board that we have assembled is truly exemplary in their individual and combined expertise in translating these global initiatives into local calls for actions."

The new UNA-USA San Diego Advisory Board consists currently of ten leaders who will serve a three-year term. They represent a diverse group of professions with a common passion for an equitable, shared future based on justice, dignity and freedom.

- Hany Besada | Senior Consultant & Regional Advisor, UN Economic Commission for Africa
- Tatiana Bessarabova | Consultant, UN Development Program, Business Call to Action
- Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury | Former Under-Secretary-General & High Representative of UN
- Alan J. Daly, PhD | Chair & Professor, UC San Diego, Department of Education Studies
- Richard Falk, PhD | Retired, Former UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights
- Jimmy Lee | Agriculture Volunteer, Peace Corps, Savelugu-Nanton District, N/R, Ghana
- Chase Masterson | Founder & Actress, Pop Culture Anti-Bullying Coalition
- Anita Raj, PhD | Professor of Medicine, Director of Center on Gender Equality & Health, UC San Diego
- Ford Roosevelt | Grandson of Eleanor Roosevelt, President & CEO, Project GRAD Los Angeles
- Joanne Tawfilis | U.S. National Commissioner for UNESCO

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## About UNA-USA San Diego

As a program of the UN Foundation, UNA-USA San Diego is the local Ambassador to and for the United Nations. With its prestigious consultative status to the United Nations, UNA-USA San Diego links the local community with the United Nations and vice versa since 1999. As a center of Policy Research, the organization is expanding on the understanding of global issues through advocacy and mobilization for actions to influence legislation in supporting the principles and vital work of the United Nations. UNA-USA San Diego actively engages partners and stakeholders locally since 1946.