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STATEMENT

Council President Lightner Statement Regarding Approval of One Paseo Development Project

SAN DIEGO --- San Diego City Councilmember Sherri Lightner tonight issued the following statement in response to the Approval of the One Paseo Development Project.

"First, I would like to acknowledge and thank the thousands of community members who have offered their input on the One Paseo Project over the past six years, along with those who were here today. Many folks have worked very hard on this project, and their commitment is to be commended.

I am discouraged by today's outcome, as I strongly oppose the One Paseo Project as proposed, or even with the minor modifications requested tonight. The current project has too many significant impacts to the surrounding community, including traffic, parking, public safety, and community character. Using "Spot Zoning" to shoehorn a project that is three times too big for the site strikes a blow against the community planning process. The EIR is fatally flawed; the scale of this project creates unmitigated issues, and the project will not conform to the surrounding community.

I am disappointed that the developers were not able to work with the public to find a solution that is acceptable to the entire community. Carmel Valley has a long history of working with developers to create successful projects that were fully supported by all parties. Clearly, as we've heard today, the community does not support the project as proposed, or even with the minor modifications requested, but supports a mixed-use project on a smaller scale.

I am concerned that a project which ignores zoning, land use plans and other requirements will set a dangerous precedent for growth and future development in San Diego. I'm confident that the community will continue to oppose the project and advocate for a solution that works for everyone involved."