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City Council Vote to Direct the City Attorney to Seek the Invalidation of Prop B

San Diego— Today, I voted to move forward with the legal process required to invalidate Proposition B, an action that has been ordered by the courts.

In 2012, I voted for Proposition B. At that time, the city was in dire financial straits because prior city officials had underfunded the pension plan and didn't disclose the underfunding to investors when issuing city funds. I also expected that other government entities would pass similar measures.

Since then, no other government entities have followed suit. We've witnessed negative impacts from Proposition B on the city's ability to recruit and retain quality employees, and the courts have found that the Mayor and Council in 2012 erred in placing the measure on the ballot without going through the meet-and-confer process with city unions. The courts have ordered the city to "make whole" employees hired since the passage of Proposition B in 2012.

Unfortunately, we were put in this situation as a result of flawed decisions by previous council members and mayors. Today, I voted to minimize losses for taxpayers and to accept the decisions of state and federal courts.

Continued litigation is unlikely to change this outcome and is certain to increase exposure for taxpayers.

Going forward, the mayor, unions and council will need to make the tough decisions in the "meet-and-confer" process to address both the "make whole" remedy ordered by the courts and to ensure that a pension plan for new employees is fair to workers and protects taxpayers.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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