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**COUNCILMEMBERS ASK MAYOR FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF FOR
LOCAL RESTAURANTS**

SAN DIEGO, CA – Today, Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn, together with Councilmembers Marni von Wilpert and Raul Campillo, sent a memo to Mayor Todd Gloria asking him to consider enacting an executive order to place a Temporary Fee Cap on third party delivery services operating in the City of San Diego. Such a measure would provide needed relief to the city's restaurateurs who are relying on take-out and delivery services as their sole source of revenue while the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders are in effect.

The three councilmembers joined together in support of this issue after hearing from many local restaurant owners that the fees charged by third-party delivery services were creating a great deal of economic hardship. Capping these fees on the delivery services will result in additional income going into the pockets of San Diego's small business owners who are trying their best to stay afloat during these challenging times.

"One of the industries most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic is our local restaurants. In order to provide support to these struggling small business owners, we need to offer them protections so that they are able to weather these challenging times," said Council President Pro Tem Whitburn.

"During the statewide Stay-At-Home Order and Regional Stay-At-Home Order, restricting local restaurants to takeout and delivery only has placed a sudden and severe financial strain on many establishments, particularly those that are small businesses already operating on thin margins. In light of the added challenges due to COVID-19, it is necessary to support neighborhood restaurants and retail food establishments so they may continue to provide critical access to food via delivery and pick-up options." said Councilmember von Wilpert.

“District 7 has many family-owned restaurants that rely on delivery services due to the pandemic. They are already operating at very thin margins and the delivery services’ commissions are exorbitant. Right now, every dollar counts, and I am happy to support locally-owned businesses over the interests of app-based delivery giants,” said Councilmember Campillo.

The full memo is attached.

Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn represents San Diego’s Third Council District, including the communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

Councilmember Marni von Wilpert represents San Diego’s Fifth Council District, including the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar Ranch North, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Encantada (Stonebridge), Rancho Peñasquitos, Sabre Springs, San Pasqual, Scripps Ranch, and Torrey Highlands.

Councilmember Raul Campillo represents San Diego’s Seventh Council District, including the communities of Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, San Carlos, Serra Mesa, and Tierrasanta.

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