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**Rules Committee Advances Ethics Reforms, Implementing Measure D and Efforts
of Council President LaCava**

San Diego, CA – Today, City Council’s Rules Committee advanced a package of amendments to the Municipal Code to implement the will of the voters and increase the Ethics Commission’s independence. These changes stem from the passage of Measure D in November 2024 which was overwhelmingly approved by 72% of voters.

Council President Joe LaCava collaborated with former City Attorney Mara Elliott and former Ethics Commission Executive Director Sharon Spivak to place Measure D on the ballot.

“The reforms approved today bolster good governance and accountability at City Hall. Advancing this item reflects the culmination of my support of Measure D and the need to implement the will of the voters,” said Council President Joe LaCava. “These proposed reforms strengthen the Ethics Commission and ensure it has the independence guaranteed by the voters to provide oversight of City officials. I thank the Executive Director and Commission staff for their work.”

The City of San Diego has had an Ethics Commission since 2001. Measure D modified the Charter by increasing the Commission’s independence and allowing the Commission to select their own Executive Director, to establish its own complaint and investigation procedures, and to authorize the Executive Director to issue subpoenas and utilize other investigatory powers. The package considered by the Rules Committee

represents the work of the independent Ethics Commission to implement the will of the voters.

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Council President Joe LaCava represents San Diego's First Council District, which includes the communities of La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and a portion of University City west of the 1-5.