



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM BARBARA BRY
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
DISTRICT 1
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 17, 2020

TO: Honorable Kevin L. Faulconer

FROM: Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry

Barbara Bry

SUBJECT: Immediate Discontinuance of 101 Ash Street Expenditures

I respectfully request that the City immediately discontinue any expenditures, other than investigatory by the City Auditor, related to the 101 Ash Street lease.

You are aware of the most recent revelations by NBC 7¹. This transaction simply never should have occurred.

I understand that it may take some time to get straight answers about who knew what, when, or why the lease/purchase was orchestrated in such a circuitous manner. However, at this point, throwing good money after bad will simply dig the hole deeper.

Please focus on extricating the city from this bad deal as quickly and as economically as possible. Continuing to make payments only undermines the City's position.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor for your attention to this serious issue.

cc:

City Attorney Mara Elliott

Chief Operating Officer Kris Michell

Chief of Staff Aimee Faucett

Director of Policy and Council Affairs Jessica Lawrence

Interim City Auditor Kyle Elser

Independent Budget Analyst Andrea Tevlin

¹ <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/cd1newsrelease200417a.pdf>