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Statement By City Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry Regarding SDSU Mission Valley Purchase And Sale Agreement

San Diego — The failure to docket the SDSU Mission Valley purchase and sale agreement for consideration by the City Council at its May 19 meeting breaks faith with San Diego voters and with our negotiating partners at SDSU, who were promised the agreement would be considered at that meeting.

After 18 months of negotiations, mostly behind closed doors, with the City's negotiating team repeatedly moving the goal posts during those negotiations, and with SDSU complying both in spirit and in substance with the terms of Measure G, the Mayor and City Attorney owe the City Council and the public an explanation as to why this agreement can't be considered in public session on the date previously promised. Even worse, they are asking the City Council to approve an additional \$150,000 expenditure for outside lawyers whose only visible contribution has been to delay the process.

Those in city government who opposed Measure G from the outset are doing everything in their power to scuttle this sale. If they succeed, it will be a tragic loss for city taxpayers, who are on the hook for \$1 million a month to maintain the existing stadium site until the deal closes, and whose city services will be threatened if revenue from the sale can't be used to close the city's gaping budget deficit. It will also be a tragic loss for the entire region if the River Park, research and development park, housing and campus expansion – along with the billions of dollars in future economic impact generated by this project – is stillborn because of insider shenanigans.

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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