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A Major Step Forward for San Diego's Midway District Redevelopment

COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER CAMPBELL SUPPORTS MOVING FORWARD BY
NARROWING THE FIELD OF DEVELOPERS

SAN DIEGO – The City Council unanimously approves narrowing the field of developers from five, down to three, to move the Midway District redevelopment forward. The City's real estate department recommended that narrowing the field will be the best course of action. The redevelopment of the Midway District is an important issue to the Midway community and residents in District 2.

Councilmember Jennifer Campbell said: ***“This is a critical issue for not just my District but the entire City. Midway has the potential to be a major site for economic opportunity, tourism, and most importantly... diverse housing needs. It is important to me that the momentum of Midway's development is not slowed down, and I see the renovation vs. replacement decision regarding the existing arena as a primary factor.”***

While Campbell favors the replacement vs. renovation decision regarding the Arena, but there are still key questions like investigating the presence of asbestos, and seismic retrofitting, the renovation timeline of the arena, and how affordable units will be subsidized? The priority is to select the developer who can create the most affordable housing and the viability of the arena.

The City's real estate department is expected to have a recommendation by December 2022. But the State will have the final say on the Midway District redevelopment as part of the recently amended Surplus Land Act of 2019, which calls that affordable housing is the priority.

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