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Four Councilmembers Call for Reform of Council President Appointment Process

*New Reform would Help End Union Political Power-Plays
and Divisive Partisan Politics*

San Diego – After months of divisive partisan politics, lack of productivity, and endless union power-grabs, four City Councilmembers have proposed sweeping changes to the appointment process for the Council President position.

In a much needed reform to bring non-partisanship to the Council President position, Councilmembers Sherman, Zapf, Kersey, and Cate propose the appointment of future Council Presidents on a rotating order based on seniority. In what would be the biggest reform to the position since its inception over a decade ago, this proposal would help curb influence from outside special interests.

Over the past two years and most especially the past month, the current selection process has resulted in a divided and bitter Council. Other consequences have included allegations of brown act violations, horse-trading, and politicization of a largely administrative position.

The proposed rotation based policy, currently being successfully used in other local regional governments would help foster increased partnership and cohesion on the City Council.

“As can be seen from the last Council President election, the current process is in desperate need of reform. This proposal will help create a process which assures a non-partisan outcome,” said Councilmember Sherman.

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