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City Council Amends Filner Era Settlement Agreement with Developer

Potential Illegal Actions by Disgraced Former Mayor Bob Filner is Now Officially in the Past

San Diego — In a unanimous 8-0 vote, the San Diego City Council voted to amend a settlement between former disgraced Mayor Bob Filner and the CentrePoint apartment complex, now named Blvd63 Apartments located in Rolando.

In 2013, Filner halted ongoing construction of the CentrePoint apartment buildings, a development that was already approved for construction and had all necessary permits.

Filner stopped construction at the Centrepoint project by instructing the city's Development Services staff to stop conducting inspections on completed phases, which kept the builders from moving to the next steps.

In what former City Attorney Jan Goldsmith deemed illegal, Filner used the power of the Mayor's office to strong-arm the developer into paying \$150,000 for neighborhood improvements and agreeing to rental restrictions.

While it is unfortunate that the City continues to clean up Filner's mess, today's council action restored property rights to the owner and puts the corrupt practices of the Filner era behind us.

"I applaud my Council Colleagues for correcting these corrupt mistakes of the past, and moving forward from Filner's blatant misuse of power," said Councilmember Sherman. "This is a good reminder that big problems happen when elected officials abuse the power of their office."

For more background on this issue, please visit the following news article <u>here</u>. The amendment is Item 204 on the <u>docket</u>.