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## **Statement on Seditious Language Repeal**

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Vivian Moreno has issued the following statement regarding the San Diego City Council's approval today of the ordinance to repeal San Diego Municipal Code section 56.30 titled Seditious Language – Prohibited.

"I support the repeal of this unconstitutional code section in order to protect free speech, but we need to do more."

- "San Diego Police Officers need to be re-trained so that every officer understands that this is no longer an enforceable law.
- Our City Attorney should work with members of the public who have been victimized by these citations to expunge these tickets from their records and refund any paid fines.
- I also requested that the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods
  Committee receive an update from the City Attorney's Office on these efforts."

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Councilmember Vivian Moreno represents the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Stockton and the Tijuana River Valley.