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January 15, 2003

Citizens' Task Force on Chargers Issues
City of San Diego
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Item 8, redevelopment concepts for the Qualcomm site

Dear Chair Watson and members of the Task Force:

I appreciate having the opportunity to address the Task Force as you discuss plans for the redevelopment of the Qualcomm site.

Last year I was successful in having Governor Davis sign my bill that established the San Diego River Conservancy. This state conservancy will develop a master plan to conserve, restore and enhance our river for habitat, recreation, and flood control.

Because the San Diego River runs adjacent to Qualcomm Stadium, I urge you to insure that any plans to redevelop this site include provisions that will help improve the river's visibility, increase public access, and protect its habitat. The San Diego River has long been a neglected natural resource in our city and now with the conservancy established, its board of directors made up of San Diego elected officials and residents, will work to ensure its preservation and restoration, making it a viable recreational resource.

When the Qualcomm site is redeveloped, we will have an opportunity to showcase the river as it should have been done when Qualcomm stadium was first built. We must take advantage of this opportunity to revitalize this important stretch of the San Diego River and provide a river park for all San Diegans.

With careful planning the San Diego River can be to San Diego what the Potomac River is to Washington, D.C. or the Hudson River is to New York City. This can only be a reality if we take steps to make sure that any development plans next to the river work to protect this vital natural resource.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

CHRISTINE KEHOE
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