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STATEMENT

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Councilmember Gloria Comments on Plaza de Panama MOU
Environmental Review Does Not Guarantee Project Approval

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 19, 2011) – Councilmember Todd Gloria issued the following statement following today’s decision by the City Council to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Plaza de Panama Committee to complete environmental reports on potential projects to change the Plaza de Panama area of Balboa Park.

“Environmental review will be necessary in order to accomplish any of the visions for removing parking and traffic from the Plaza de Panama. Proceeding with the Environmental Impact Report is in the overall best interest of the Park, and will only be accomplished with the approval of the MOU.

“While I have strong concerns about the potential impacts of the Plaza de Panama Committee’s proposed project, I am interested in having the analysis of the project and alternatives so that when the time comes I can weigh all of the possibilities in the correct context. The MOU does not commit me or the City Council to supporting the project once the EIR is completed.”

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