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CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT YOUNG URGES COUNCILMEMBERS, NEXT MAYOR TO ADHERE TO PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

SAN DIEGO, Calif. – San Diego City Council President Tony Young is urging councilmembers and the city’s next mayor to adhere to a comprehensive list of governing principles that promote and strengthen a more effective, cooperative and transparent form of local government.

Council President Young will introduce his 10 principles of good governance – which include creating an economic development plan, addressing the city’s deferred capital backlog and requiring a monthly mayoral address at city council – at the Sept. 19 Rules Committee meeting.

According to Council President Young, the city soon will be experiencing its first mayoral change since the voter-mandated strong mayor-strong council form of government took permanent effect in 2010.

“Now is the right time to further define the roles of the legislative and executive branches of our local government, and continue strengthening a cohesive council that works together toward better and more transparent governance,” he said.

Much like the council’s adoption in 2008 of the budgetary principles now used during the city’s annual budget process, Council President Young said similar governing guidelines should be approved to improve “accountability, transparency and citizen engagement -- all necessary ingredients that nurture and sustain good governance.”

Council President Young noted that much progress has been made and many lessons learned during the current mayoral administration. And while a solid foundation has been laid, he said this is the next step in building an effective governing system that ensures that city funds are properly allotted and progress steadily made on needed projects and activities that best benefit the citizens of San Diego.

“All of us need to work together to further establish San Diego’s legacy of having one of the most professional and best-run cities in America,” he said.

The Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Relations Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in the City Council Committee Room, 12th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C Street, downtown San Diego. The meeting is open to the public and the live webcast can be viewed online at www.sandiego.gov or CityTV24.

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