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### COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD JOINS CPI AND SDSU IN RELEASING A STUDY RELATED TO CAB DRIVERS: WORKING CONDITIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY RISKS

- When:** Wednesday, May, 23, 11:00am
- Where:** San Diego Civic Center Plaza
- What:** Councilmember Emerald joins the Center on Policy Initiatives (CPI) and San Diego State University (SDSU) in releasing a new study on the earnings and working conditions of San Diego taxi drivers and related public safety risks.
- Who:** City Councilmember Marti Emerald  
Jill Esbenshade, PhD, Professor, SDSU  
Karina Russ, Graduate Student, SDSU  
Peter Brownell, PhD, Research Director, CPI  
Abebe Antallo, Taxi Driver  
Adbirashid Ali, Taxi Driver
- Visuals:** A 12-page report prepared by CPI and SDSU Prof. Jill Esbenshade, PhD. A 2ft. by 3ft. poster board depicting working conditions.
- Why:** The study is based on a survey of 331 taxi drivers, conducted at taxi stands throughout the city in March and April of this year. The report is particularly timely as San Diego Mayor Bob Filner has proposed, and the City Council is debating whether to reform the local taxi industry and move its administration from the Metropolitan Transit System to the City.

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