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COUNCIL VOTES IN FAVOR OF **24 HOUR ALCOHOL BAN FOR MONTEZUMA PARK**

San Diego, CA – August 4, 2015 – In response to public safety concerns raised by members of the community regarding Montezuma Park, located at 4915-4957 Catoctin Drive, Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, motioned to increase the current twelve (12) hour ban on alcohol possession and consumption in Montezuma Park to a twenty-four (24) ban. Council voted unanimously to support her motion. Among the concerns raised by residents were the parks proximity to an elementary school and the extensive litter of empty alcohol containers caused by transient encampments. These encampments have created an unsightly mess and have also significantly reduced the ability of the neighborhood residents to use the park.

“I would like to thank everyone who worked on the 24 hour alcohol ban in Montezuma Park,” mentioned Emerald. “There were several individuals who helped make this happen but I particularly want to highlight the work and leadership of the College Area Business Improvement District led by Jim Schneider, the College Area Community Council and Planning Group led by Jose Reynoso, the Catoctin Area neighbors, SDPD Captain Chris McGrath and Community Relations Officer Terry Hoskins. Thank you for making Montezuma Park safer and more accessible to all.”

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