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TO: Honorable Myrtle Cole, Council President
Honorable Councilmembers
FROM: Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer 
SUBJECT: 287(g) Delegated Authority Program

The City of San Diego remains one of the nation's safest big cities because of the strong connections between the San Diego Police Department and the communities it serves. The primary focus of the department has always been on crime prevention and the enforcement of local laws.

The San Diego Police Department has a long-standing policy where officers do not initiate contact for the sole purpose of checking an individual's immigration status, nor do they ask for the immigration status of victims or witnesses of crimes. However, if someone is suspected of committing a crime, regardless of their immigration status, SDPD works with regional, state and federal authorities to hold individuals accountable. County jails notify ICE liaisons of the immigration status of individuals upon booking.

There have been recent discussions at the national level about the federal government working with cities under section 287(g) of the Immigration and National Security Act to deputize state and local law enforcement officers to perform the duties of immigration authorities. I would like to reaffirm that San Diego will not be participating in the 287(g) delegated authority program. Such an agreement would essentially task local law enforcement officers with doing the job of the federal government and places an unfair financial burden on local taxpayers.

Our police department is committed to protecting everyone in our community and bringing criminals to justice. The stronger the partnerships are between law enforcement and residents, the more successful we will be at keeping our neighborhoods safe.

The policies we have in place have worked under both Democratic and Republican administrations. I am confident that this approach will continue to serve our city well.

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