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DATE: January 10, 2014
TO: Honorable City Councilmembers
FROM: Interim Mayor Todd Gloria *Todd Gloria*
SUBJECT: Creation of Open Data Advisory Group

In response to a request from the Rules and Economic Development (R&ED) Committee on December 11, 2013 for the development of an Open Data Policy for the City, I am creating a temporary Internal Open Data Advisory Group (Open Data Group) and appointing Jeff Sturak, Deputy Chief Operating Officer – Internal Operations, to serve as Chair. The group will consist of a representative from the IBA's office, a representative from the City Attorney's office, and other City staff as our Chief Operating Officer deems appropriate. Council President Pro Tem Lightner and Councilmember Kersey are invited to provide a representative from each of their offices to participate in the Open Data Group. The Open Data Group will solicit input from community members and those with expertise in open data implementation as part of the development of the proposed policy.

The Open Data Group's purpose is to develop an open data policy and implementation plan for the City Council's consideration, with a progress report due to the Committee on Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations by June 30, 2014. Consistent with direction from the R&ED Committee, the policy drafted by Councilmember Kersey will be referred to the group for consideration. The Open Data Group will kick off the development of the open data policy by holding a workshop with the City's efficiency consultant, Stephen Goldsmith, on January 21, 2014.

I appreciate the leadership of Councilmember Kersey and Council President Pro Tem Lightner as well as the volunteers who have already contributed time to this effort. I am a staunch advocate for transparency and civic engagement, leveraging our vibrant tech community for economic development, and improving government operations. I am excited about the prospects of open data on all of these fronts for San Diego.

cc: Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
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