



COUNCILMEMBER CHRIS CATE

SIXTH DISTRICT
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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David Gibson
Executive Director
San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
2375 Northside Drive
San Diego, CA 92108

Dear Mr. Gibson:

As Councilmember for the Sixth District of the City of San Diego, I am proud to represent the community of Rancho Peñasquitos. I am writing you today to urge the immediate review and approval of the permit for the Merge 56 Project concerning Camino Del Sur and Carmel Mountain Road. The Planning Board unanimously approved this project in May 2017, followed by a unanimous approval of the City Council in May 2018.

This project is crucial to this community as it will provide the much-needed sense of security by adding a second exit out of Park Village. This additional egress is critical for the safety of Park Village residents in the event of say an immediate evacuation due to an aggressive wildfire.

Also, this project will greatly benefit the community by providing mixed-use, walkable areas that will add value to and foster a sense of community in the neighborhood. Since unanimously approving the project, my constituents have been patiently waiting for construction to begin. They have made it clear to my office that they continue to fully support this project and anxiously wait for its completion.

As such, I urge the San Diego Water Quality Control Board to do all it can to expeditiously approve the construction of the Merge 56 Project, as the community has no time to wait.

Sincerely,

Chris Cate
Councilmember, Sixth District

cc: Henry Abarbanel, San Diego Regional Water Control Board Chair
Celeste Cantu, Vice-Chair
Eric Anderson, Megan Blair, Betty Olson, Gary Strawn, Stefanie Warren, Members