

City Of San Diego COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD DISTRICT NINE

MEMORANDUM

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TO:

Patty Vaccariello, Chair, City Heights Area Planning Committee

Laura Riebau, Chair, Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee

David Moty, Chair, Kensington-Talmadge Planning Group Doug Case, Chair, College Area Community Planning Board

FROM:

Councilmember Marti Emerald

SUBJECT:

Public Facilities Financing Plan Updates for Mid City and the College

Area

As your representative on the San Diego City Council, it is my great pleasure to inform you progress is now underway to update the Public Facilities Financing Plans (PFFP) for both the College Area and Mid City. These documents are a vital resource for ensuring each community has sufficient public facilities to serve all residents.

PFFPs identify the major transportation improvements (i.e., streets, storm drains, traffic signals, etc.), libraries, parks, and police and fire facilities needed to serve the community. Development Impact Fees (DIF) collected from new development go toward funding these projects. These documents are *ideally* updated every five years, but the PFFPs and associated DIF Fee Schedules for the College Area and Mid City were last updated in October 1993 and June 1998, respectively. Unfortunately, these plans and fee schedules no longer reflect current community needs and associated costs.

After years of community advocacy, my office learned that the City's Public Facilities Financing Section in the Development Services Department is moving forward with updating both PFFPs immediately. The PFFP updating process is estimated to take 15 months from beginning to end. Community outreach is critical, and City staff will hold several meetings and in-depth discussions with each Community Planning Group to review and refine the draft plans.

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I ask your assistance, as recognized leaders in the Mid City and the College Area, to ensure widespread community involvement and input.

I understand community outreach is estimated to begin mid-summer 2013, and I look forward to working with each community on these critical updates which play such an important role in delivering needed resources to our neighborhoods in District 9.

For more information, I welcome you to contact Vicki Burgess, Mid-City Facilities Financing Project Manager at (619) 533-3684, Oscar Galvez III, College Area Facilities Financing Project Manager at (619) 533-3685, or Cynthia Harris in my office at (619) 533-5897.

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Mid City and College Area Communities

DIF Fee Schedules enc: