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## **Council President Gómez Comments on Postponement of ElevateSD 2020**

### *Ballot Measure to Improve Transit Delayed Due to COVID-19 Emergency*

SAN DIEGO – City Council President Georgette Gómez today issued the following statement on the decision by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors to postpone ElevateSD 2020:

“It is with deep regret that the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors has postponed ElevateSD 2020, our effort to improve our regional transit system by way of a November ballot measure.

“In my time on the MTS Board, including as Board Chair, my top priority has been to make our transit system more accessible, affordable, and reliable. MTS staff and my board colleagues have worked tirelessly to build a strong coalition of labor, business, education, environmental, and community-based organizations around plan to do just that.

“However, considering the devastating impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our public health, economy, and transit ridership, we have decided the most responsible course of action is to delay ElevateSD 2020 so that we can focus on responding to the emergency.

“Despite this decision, my commitment to improving our transit system is unwavering. I will continue to help make sure we build a first-class transit system for our region, because we can’t meaningfully address our climate crisis without it. I look forward to supporting this campaign again when the time is right.”

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.