



# NEWS RELEASE

## COUNCILMEMBER MARTI EMERALD

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### STATEMENT

Councilmember Emerald issued the following statement on July 30, 2013.

“I’m just back in San Diego a couple of days ago after spending three weeks at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in leadership training.

The time and distance away from San Diego has allowed me to have perspective outside the center of the storm which has engulfed our city.

That time and perspective have allowed me the opportunity to absorb the magnitude of the situation, the breadth and the depth of the hurt and the harm that has been done to so many women by our Mayor.

Today I have a simple but serious request, my request is that the Mayor takes his time out and spends two weeks in thought and therapy, that he reaches into his heart and he makes a connection with the pain and the disgrace that he has brought upon so many women.

I also hope that he makes a connection with God and asks for forgiveness, and for the spiritual strength and courage to do what he needs to do to end this horrible situation.

I do not believe it is my place to be the judge or the jury for our Mayor, but I do know it is my place as an elected woman and as a community leader to stand up and speak out on behalf of those who have been harmed and stand with them, every woman, in solidarity.

I know not what decision this Mayor will make, but I do know that the responsibility and consequences for his decisions rest solely with him and on him.”

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