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COUNCILMEMBER
SEVENTH DISTRICT

October 3, 2006

President Stephen Weber
San Diego State University
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Dear Dr. Weber:

Following the loss of the Marina vs. CSU case at the California Supreme Court, it was my hope and desire that SDSU would play a greater role in active dialogue and collaboration with the surrounding communities that are affected prior to initiating any efforts regarding the SDSU Master Plan. To date, I am not aware of any community outreach efforts by SDSU to address significant community interests as it applies to a revised Master Plan. I am also not aware of SDSU's plans to formally decertify the EIR that approved the Master Plan, as this is a first step toward correcting many of the assumptions in the plan that have since been clarified by the Supreme Court.

More recently, it has been brought to my attention from residents of Del Cerro that SDSU is once again in the field conducting traffic studies as the University moves forward to create yet again another Master Plan, this time apparently within an unknown interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling.

As you know, I am supportive of SDSU's desire to plan accordingly for anticipated and moderated growth, however many unanswered questions linger from the last master planning effort. Specifically with respect to Del Cerro, certain roads are being viewed by some as collectors when in fact they are not. I want to inform you that I am moving forward at this time to make certain any local roads classified as collectors are correctly labeled for what they really are, residential streets. I am also moving forward at SANDAG for a comprehensive Interstate 8 Corridor Study that among other things will address deficiencies at the I-8 and College Avenue interchange. Community dialogue is important to avoid another needless fight between the University and residents on both sides of I-8.

Additionally, as you are aware, we have a severe student housing crisis surrounding the University. This was made quite clear at a recent community meeting I hosted when over 400 citizens vented their anger over their neighborhoods being converted into apartment zones by virtue of the Mini Dorm crisis. Much of the anger was focused on SDSU and while your representatives did their best, it was clear that SDSU needs to

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take a greater and active role in helping its students find appropriate housing. With projects such as the Paseo and Fraternity Row and other dormitory and student housing efforts apparently on ice, it is imperative we address the housing issue as part of any expansion plans for the University.

I am asking that SDSU reach out to its surrounding communities for positive and productive discussions. Knowing your plans and intentions is a first step. I stand willing to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim." with a period at the end.

JIM MADAFFER
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