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### **COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD ANNOUNCES A SETTLEMENT WITH CARMEL PARTNERS: CENTERPOINTE PROJECT TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION**

Construction crews are back on the job at 63<sup>rd</sup> and El Cajon Blvd., after Mayor Bob Filner ordered a halt to work on a large apartment complex being built on the site. Several College area neighborhoods claimed the luxury apartment complex was really a dormitory and could harm their property values and quality of life.

The Mayor stopped the construction project four weeks ago at the urging of the neighborhoods and Councilmember Marti Emerald, who represents them. The Mayor, Councilmember and developer have been negotiating since then to address community concerns.

In the meantime, the builder Carmel Partners filed suit against the City. The two have now signed a settlement which includes several concessions for the surrounding communities. Chief among the concession is a promise by the developer to rent the apartments by the unit, not by the bed.

“I appreciate the community bringing their concerns to my office and very grateful to Mayor Filner for standing up for our neighborhoods”, said Councilmember Emerald. “I also want to commend Carmel Partners for making valuable concessions in order to settle this dispute and demonstrate their commitment to the quality in our College area neighborhoods”.

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