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FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

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DATE: September 17, 2013

TO: Interim Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember Myrtle Cole, Fourth Council District *Myrtle Cole*

SUBJECT: Request for Consideration of and Cost Estimate for a Temporary Fire Station at Skyline Drive and Sychar Road to Improve Emergency Response Times

Identifying ways to improve emergency response times, specifically in communities south of Interstate 8, is one of the most critical public safety issues facing the City of San Diego.

In 2011, the City was presented with the Fire Service Standards of Response Coverage Deployment Study (Citygate Report). The Citygate Report identified risks, reviewed existing deployment models, and identified additional fire station and staffing infrastructure, among other issues. Critical sites were identified to improve service and address delayed emergency response times. The top five, in priority order are Home Avenue, Paradise Hills, College, Skyline, and Encanto. Three are within my Council District.

While you consider the inclusion of a new Skyline Drive fire station in Deferred Capital Bond No. 3, I request that a cost estimate for a temporary/modular fire station and any personnel and non-personnel costs associated, be provided for the parcel at Skyline Drive and Sychar Road. The Skyline Drive location is unique among the five sites because the City has already acquired the land. A temporary station, similar to Fire Station 45 in Mission Valley, could address service gaps immediately while funding is sought for the design and construction of a permanent facility.

Lastly, I respectfully request that follow-up to this request be presented at an upcoming Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting in October.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Pamela Ison in my office at (619) 236-6701.

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