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San Diego, CA – Council President Cole issued the following statement regarding additional information revealed about San Diego State University’s study on racial profiling.

“I am disappointed in learning that there were substantive changes made to the San Diego State University study on racial profiling without the Council’s knowledge. Although the changes may be in line with standards in scientific research, the non-transparent manner in which this was handled and presented to my Council colleagues and I is disheartening to say the least. When we heard this item at the Council Meeting on February 27, we did so without the knowledge of the substantive changes.

As I stated at the February 27 Council Meeting, there is an urgency in addressing the issues raised in this research. That is why I requested the reactivation of the Citizens’ Advisory Board on Police and Community Relations. I have asked the Board to review the issues raised in the study, recommendations provided by the public and ACLU, and provide their recommendations for action to the Mayor and Council in July/August 2017.

We must move forward with the knowledge of what is contained in both the draft and final report, as quoted by researcher Chanin, “There’s clear evidence in this report that there is a difference in the way that black and brown people are treated than whites.” This problem has been found to be “statistically significant,” and I am determined to ensure it is corrected and not occurring anywhere in this city.”

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