Members of the Central Committee of the San Diego County Republican Party,

It is with significant consternation and much regret that we, the undersigned, send this letter today. Many of you are aware of the recent actions by the current Party Chairwoman to strip one of our endorsed candidates of his endorsement and push through the endorsement of an alternative candidate in the AD75 race. If you are not aware of this, please take a moment to read the attached Voice of San Diego article titled "GOP Chair Attempts to Switch Party Endorsement in Assembly Race."

This transparent attempt to manipulate the endorsement process to favor a non-endorsed candidate, one who spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Primary campaign to support a Democrat and who is under active FPPC inquiries, is shocking. The level of intimidation of Committee Members, harassment of Members, and threats to Members' jobs, reputations, and positions should be repugnant to all members of the Republican Party and should not be allowed to stand. Examples include removing one of our most respected Members as Party Communications Chair in a blatant attempt to shift votes that were fairly lost to disfavor an endorsed candidate and achieve a predetermined outcome.

These efforts are unbecoming of our Party and violate the duty of our Chairwoman as outlined in the bylaws: "Each member of the Executive Committee shall perform the duties of a member in good faith, and in a manner that such member believes to be in the best interest of the Committee."

Simply stated, the Chairwoman has no authority to strip an endorsed candidate of their endorsement unilaterally. If, as the Chair contends, endorsements for races with Primary elections expire after the Primary is completed, endorsements for Kristie Bruce-Lane, Kevin Faulconer, Joel Anderson, Laurie Davies, and any other candidate with a Primary would now be un-endorsed and vulnerable. This has never been the interpretation or practice as stated by our Chairman Emeritus and as many long-time members of the Central Committee know. This is why the majority of the Executive Committee, including our Chairman Emeritus, overruled the Chairwoman's interpretation at their recent meeting.

Our adopted endorsement policy outlines a straightforward process for reconsidering an endorsement. If somebody wishes to follow the process, they should follow the simple and clearly outlined rules and motion for reconsideration via a 2/3 vote of the Central Committee. This underhanded manipulation of our established process does not serve our Party and has undoubtedly cost us time, support, conflict, and money that we can ill afford to lose. These games only divide our Party and diminish our viability during a critical election period.

We urge our Central Committee members to stop the blatant and transparent manipulation of our endorsement process and restore the integrity of our Committee and the duly
established rules on Monday. Further threats by the non-endorsed candidate and further collusion and manipulation between that candidate and our Chairwoman should not be allowed. If the Committee wishes to discuss this race, they must respect the process established for this exact purpose, which involves formal reconsideration of the race via a 2/3 vote margin.

Sincerely,
Congressman Darrell Issa
Senate Minority Leader Brian W. Jones
Mayor Richard Bailey
Mayor John Minto
Mayor Bill Wells
Hon. Scott Sherman, City Councilmember (ret.)