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Barbara Bry
Council President Pro Tem, District 1
City Administration Building
202 C Street, MS #10A
San Diego, California 92101

Re: *Traffic Study and Analysis for Del Mar Heights Road*

Dear Ms. Bry:

The Del Mar Union School District (DMUSD) has received substantial public input from the local community regarding vehicular traffic on Del Mar Heights Road west of Interstate 5 and its negative effect on the safety of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists including DMUSD students, parents and employees. In response to these strong public safety concerns, DMUSD requests that the City of San Diego place a very high priority on conducting the necessary studies and analysis and implementing traffic calming measures which will improve safety of the drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists on or near Del Mar Heights Road west of Interstate 5.

DMUSD serves nearly 4500 K-6 students in the City of San Diego Communities of Torrey Pines, Torrey Highlands, Carmel Valley, Pacific Highlands Ranch and the City of Del Mar. We anticipate that the results of a traffic study and related traffic calming will materially improve safety for driving, walking and biking at the Districts' two schools with access off Del Mar Heights Road west of Interstate 5: Del Mar Heights School located at 13555 Boquita Drive; and Del Mar Hills Academy located at 14085 Mango Drive. Both schools serve students from the City of Del Mar and the City of San Diego.

Del Mar Heights Road is the major route through the community leading to many of our eight schools. Also, other community resources such as recreation centers and libraries need safe connectivity to Del Mar Heights Road on both sides of Interstate 5. We support a project that encourages active transportation, safe routes to schools, traffic calming, bicycle safety, future transit and streets that are safe for all, including students and seniors.

DMUSD strongly supports immediate action by the City of San Diego to address the concerns of our local community regarding traffic safety on Del Mar Heights Road west of Interstate 5.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 858-755-9301 ext. 3699 or by email at hmcclurg@dmusd.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly McClurg". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Holly McClurg, Ph.D.
Superintendent