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**San Diego County District Attorney's Office
Close Investigation**

Rodriguez-Kennedy cleared of wrongdoing.

SAN DIEGO, CA - The following statement was issued by Will Rodriguez-Kennedy, Chairman of the San Diego County Democratic Party:

"Several months ago I was accused of something I did not do. I immediately became the target of racist and homophobic hatred. I suffered reputationally, emotionally, and physically. My family and my friends suffered with me. My life was stolen from me.

"As a survivor myself, I believe that accusations must be treated seriously, investigated vigorously, and that the dignity and rights of accusers and survivors be protected during a process which can be traumatic. I believe, as well, in the fundamental right of due process for someone who is accused. Our country affords everyone due process in order to protect the innocent.

"The San Diego County District Attorney's Office has conducted a thorough, independent investigation of that accusation. During that process, I personally met with the assigned Deputy District Attorney and D.A. Investigator. I answered all of their questions. I provided evidence which refuted any claim of wrongdoing. My attorney, Gene Iredale, has informed me of the following: The Office of the District Attorney has closed the investigation and no charges of any kind will be filed.

"With this trauma behind me I look forward to returning to my work in service of the public and my party. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support I have received.

"I acknowledge and thank the Deputy District Attorney, the D.A. Investigators, and the San Diego Police Department for their objective and independent evaluation of the evidence. I thank my attorney Gene Iredale for guiding me through this process and supporting me during this ordeal."

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