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NATIONAL CITY PORT COMMISSIONER

As members of the City Council of the City of National City, we support our Port Commissioner Sandy Naranjo.

We are deeply disappointed with the action of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of San Diego, which perpetuate longstanding patterns of disenfranchising National City and its people. The timing of this action, just as National City was poised to take an active leadership role with the ascent of its Commissioner to the chairmanship of the Board of Commissioners, is of great concern. We find the board's explanation for their timing to be severely lacking, and its decision to take such drastic and draconian action very disappointing.

The City of National City remains committed to the work at hand and will seek to remedy its collaborative relationship with the Port to advance our shared interests and efforts, most importantly of which are the implementation of the National City Balanced Plan, addressing overdue corrective actions that negatively impact the health of our residents, and working toward the day when we will have more equitable access to our maritime areas.

It is unfortunate that Commissioner Naranjo is now denied the ability to lead these efforts in the leadership role to which National City is entitled in the rotation of chair between the Port's five member cities. Commissioner Naranjo's work is valued in National City. Her voice and advocacy will remain essential to this work as she continues serving National City.

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