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## **STATEMENT ON POLICE REFORM IN SAN DIEGO**

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Vivian Moreno has issued the following statement regarding police reform in San Diego:

“As we mourn the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and so many other injustices throughout our country, we must continue to advocate for police reform in San Diego. It is our obligation as leaders not just to mourn, but to listen and then to act.

I strongly support the announcement from Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Council President Georgette Gomez, San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit, and Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Chair Monica Montgomery, that the Carotid Restraint, or Chokehold, will no longer be used by SDPD. This is an excellent, long overdue first step, but more must be done. We should acknowledge the years of advocacy work by the Racial Justice Coalition San Diego to make this a reality today.

I am more committed than ever towards the cause of police reform in San Diego. Last year, I was proud to support Assemblymember Shirley Weber’s bill (AB 392) to reform the use of force standard for law enforcement in California. This year, I continue to support the independent, community-led Commission on Police Practices Charter Amendment authored by San Diegans for Justice. I look forward to joining my colleagues on the Council in placing this Charter Amendment on the ballot in November.

I also renew my call for a comprehensive de-escalation policy and training for the SDPD. Substantial reforms to our use of force policies and officer training continue to be necessary.

I will continue to support the reform efforts of Chair Montgomery and the ongoing work of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee. Please join us in these efforts. Only by working together can we effect real change in our community.”

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