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Statement in Support of Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe for Council President

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Vivian Moreno has issued the following statement regarding her support for Councilmember Montgomery Steppe as Council President:

“I am proud to voice my support for Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe as Council President for the San Diego City Council. Councilmember Montgomery Steppe’s broad understanding of City issues and her commitment to social justice and equity make her an outstanding candidate for the job.

As Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, she has demonstrated her leadership on multiple important issues, including police reform and oversight and the creation of a groundbreaking surveillance ordinance.

Our City and our nation are going through difficult times. We are not only facing the COVID-19 pandemic, the worst public health crisis in our Country’s history. We are facing a reckoning with our Country’s history of racial injustice.

The neighborhoods of Council District 8 that I represent faced decades of underinvestment from all levels of government as well as discriminatory zoning policies. This was not an accident, this was an intentional policy to starve these neighborhoods of needed resources and degrade their environment and quality of life. And it will take intentional policy reforms to right these wrongs. Equity will not happen by itself, it will not happen by accident.

This Council, this City and all levels of government must do more than just talk about equity. We must put policies and funding in place to make it happen. Councilmember Montgomery Steppe is the person who can most effectively lead the Council in this effort.”

The newly installed City Council will be voting for Council President at 2PM today.

Councilmember Vivian Moreno represents the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Stockton and the Tijuana River Valley.