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CITY OF SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S OFFICE

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A message from: Mayor Jerry Sanders



This morning, I sent a letter to the FAA and CALTRANS supporting their findings that the Centrum 12 office building being constructed by Sunroad Enterprises in Kearny Mesa must be reduced in size.

Beginning in the early summer of last year, the FAA very clearly communicated that if the Centrum 12 office building surpassed 160 feet, it would constitute a hazard to public safety. Sunroad clearly knew of these admonitions and ignored them. The City also deserves blame; it knew of the FAA's concerns and did nothing. I take full responsibility for the City not issuing a stop work order and allowing construction to continue.

I have directed the Development Services Department to inform Sunroad that the City is reinstating the requirement of strict observance of the Stop Work order of October 27, 2006. No further work will occur on the top 20 feet of the building. That notice was served on the job site this morning by the City's chief building inspector.

I have directed the City's Chief Operating Officer, Retired Admiral Ronne Froman, to conduct a thorough investigation into the permitting process for this project. I have asked Admiral Froman to pay particular attention to the City's reaction -- or lack thereof -- to the concerns of the FAA. The result of her investigation will be that safeguards will be put in place so that this kind of mistake can never happen again.

When this matter came to my attention, I immediately directed staff not to permit any future buildings without the appropriate FAA clearances. That safeguard is now in place going forward. But our process review will examine the process holistically to ensure that everything is being done to avoid this kind of situation in the future. I have told Admiral Froman that the investigation must be conducted on an expedited time frame so that proper controls are put in place. I would expect the investigation to be completed within a number of weeks so that any resulting safeguards can be instituted immediately. The products of the investigation will all be made public.

Mistakes were clearly made within my administration regarding this project. I believe that they were mistakes of the mind and not the heart. Regardless, I take responsibility for them. My job is now to fix them so that this type of situation can't happen again.

Click the following link to see a copy of my letter to the FAA and CALTRANS:
http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/pdf/sunroad_letter_5_18.pdf

Click the following link to see the complete text of my remarks at today's news conference:
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