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A message from:
Mayor Jerry Sanders



You will most likely see an item on the news this evening regarding the Sunroad Centrum 12 office building matter. I wanted to take this opportunity to reach out to you and put some of these developments - and attacks - into context.

Public safety is my #1 priority. I will not be satisfied until the Sunroad building is reduced in height to 160 feet. The FAA has told us that they won't be satisfied until that happens and I stand by them. I have always supported the City's lawsuit against Sunroad.

In tonight's story, Mike Aguirre will allege that I was trying to fashion a new landing pattern to the south of the airport in order to accommodate the building's developer. Nothing can be further from the truth. Let me state emphatically that there won't be any alternative landing approaches at Montgomery Field. No one that broke the law should be accommodated. The status quo will remain in place until the building is reduced in size. Clearly then, the City Attorney winning his case against Sunroad becomes very important.

The relationship of a loaned executive from the San Diego Regional Airport Authority will also be unfairly and inaccurately portrayed. In late March of this year, the Airport Authority lent the City the services of one of its key executives for six months. As part of my commitment to examine every City department and/or process, we asked for an executive that could help us determine whether the City should be in the airports operation business. It may very well be that the Airport Authority is better suited to operate our two airports. No final determination has been made. The loaned executive is not here to help us fashion a special landing pattern to suit the Sunroad building.

Loaned executives are a best practice in the public sector. The City is receiving the services of this particular expert for free. Moreover, the City Attorney was aware of our arrangement with the Airport Authority. This issue was discussed at a public Rules Committee meeting in early April. Mr. Aguirre's representative was there. They said nothing at the time and to date, we have not received any letters from his office objecting to this practice. The City has had three loaned executives. It's a good thing. We get the services of very competent professionals for free.

Lastly, you will see Mr. Aguirre call me "corrupt." I believe that my integrity

is beyond reproach. I have dedicated my career to public service and believe that people will be able to judge for themselves my actions and my credibility. Our citizens expect their elected leaders to work with one another; our City has far too many problems for this not to happen. For the good of our City, I won't allow our relationship to degenerate into name calling. I plan to continue working constructively with Mr. Aguirre on behalf of our citizens.

To see a fact sheet on this issue, click here:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/mayor/pdf/loanedexecutive.pdf>