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NCPI Committee Members

RE: Priority #1 Flooding of the Alvarado Storm Channel

Dear Navajo Committee Planners Board Members,

We have numerous opportunities to improve our committee and community as a whole. Unfortunately, members and residents of our community are not currently participating in the activities underway at the City of San Diego. Numerous land-use proposals, social, economic, and environmental studies are currently under consideration and study, all of which directly and indirectly involve the Navajo District. Many of these studies and regulations recently being implemented have the authority to control/promote many events within the 26 communities of San Diego.

Some communities are actively participating within the City of San Diego in areas such as Parking Ordinances, Land Use and Housing, Park Lands, and Capital Improvements. Other communities, such as Scripps Ranch, have vast amounts of money that their community planners use to improve their district. These monies were generated from DIF Fees (Development Impact Fee's) from recent projects within their community. There will be millions of dollars of DIF Fee's generated in the Grantville Area to better serve the Navajo Community as a whole.

The long awaited Navajo Community Planning Amendment and Grantville Master Plan are moving forward. Expect the Master Plan for Grantville to include park areas, new transportation roads, street widening, traffic light improvements, land use, and provide some solutions to improve the significant flooding problems we have been dealing with for decades. The overflowing of the Alvarado Storm Channel has been the #1 handicap of the Grantville/Navajo Area for many years. Thankfully, the funds for finishing the plan amendments are still being attributed to our area.

The traffic study that was contracted to calculate traffic improvement locations throughout the community has been stalled due to a myriad of issues. The City of San Diego and staff have been working diligently to revise the scope of work referred to in the original contract, making sure the consultants analyze the community thoroughly. Once the traffic study is complete the Master Environmental Impact Report can be finished.

The City of San Diego has shown that the Navajo Community Plan Amendment is to be a priority project of the Development Services Department (DSD). Many other communities such as Encanto, Otay Mesa, and Ocean Beach are constantly asking the City for money to construct parks, improve roads/traffic, new libraries and so on. The Navajo community and residents may be left out if we do not ask for the money needed to complete our projects. Join me in asking Councilmember Scott Sherman and Mayor Filner to provide Navajo with desperately needed funding to finish the Navajo Plan Amendment and Grantville Master Plan.

As mentioned above, the #1 priority for Navajo is to improve the Alvarado Storm Drain Channel and the annual flooding of local businesses. There are significant environmental, health and safety issues that surround this channel. The Cities Storm Water Master Maintenance Project can NOT fix the Alvarado Storm Channel. Our planning group and the Flooding Ad Hoc Committee must be more proactive to prevent the ever increasing pollution of this area.

Grantville is one of the leaders of the business district within the Navajo Community. In order to generate the desperately needed DIF fees to fix problems dear to each of us, we need to have development opportunities in and around the business sector of our communities. Many steps are needed to be taken in order to generate these fees; however the first is to eliminate the flooding problem in Grantville.

I will continue to strive to make the Navajo Community better in its entirety. I welcome any encourage help and assistance.

Respectively,

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