

To: Mayor Susan Golding and City Councilmembers
From: League of Women Voters of San Diego
Re: Item-S404 Mission Bay Park Boundary Survey
Date: October 30, 2000

In June 2000, the League of Women Voters of San Diego made the following observation to the Planning Commission:

San Diegans are still waiting for public disclosure and debate regarding the Boundary and Acreage Survey of Mission Bay Park. We are still waiting for the implementation of Master Plan recommendations for park improvements, estimated to cost \$170 million. We are still waiting for significant action to clean up Mission Bay waters. We are still waiting for coordinated management of the park, to make sure that new development at Sea World, Quivera Basin, De Anza Point and Cove, and Fiesta Island does not cumulatively exacerbate existing water pollution and park deficits.

Today's proposal to increase the total acreage of Mission Bay Park is a questionable and seemingly devious attempt to circumvent public support to limit commercial development around Mission Bay. The abrupt appearance of this item on the supplemental council docket speaks poorly for the mayor's respect for true public disclosure and debate on this important issue.

In our opinion, the mayor and council, in the waning days of their tenure, could better serve the public by promoting Mission Bay cleanup and coordinated management, rather than this kind of scurrilous, last minute maneuver to undermine the spirit and intent of the Mission Beach Master Plan.

Yours truly,