



**Position Statement  
May 24, 2017**

The Past Presidents Council of SDSU Alumni (“Past Presidents Council”) with a 97% affirmative vote has endorsed the following position as it pertains to the future redevelopment of the Qualcomm Stadium property in Mission Valley (“Qualcomm Stadium Site”). The Past Presidents felt compelled to take a public position at this time due to the prospective ballot initiative commonly referred to as “SoccerCity” which is scheduled for action by the San Diego City Council in June 2017.

- San Diego State University (“SDSU”) plays the most important role in the San Diego Region in producing an educated workforce to support the local economy, where it graduates nearly 10,000 students each year. SDSU’s landlocked main campus of 238 acres alone cannot adequately accommodate the future physical growth of the university. By comparison, UCSD’s campus has about 9-times the acreage, serving fewer students. Far too many applicants are denied access to SDSU each year; approximately 8,000 of 80,000+ applicants were enrolled in 2016.
- Given its size, proximity and light rail connection to SDSU, utilizing a portion of the Qualcomm Stadium Site to accommodate the future growth of the university and its football program is of critical importance to SDSU and the San Diego Region. This is a once in a century opportunity to secure the future growth of SDSU.
- In February, SDSU issued a list of seven requirements (see attached) that are essential to the future of SDSU and the San Diego region, irrespective of any current plans or initiative proposals for the Qualcomm Stadium site. The Past Presidents Council has reviewed SDSU’s seven requirements and concurs that any plans to redevelop the Qualcomm Stadium Site must incorporate those essential university needs, at a minimum. The current terms and conditions of the SoccerCity Initiative as circulated do not and cannot meet SDSU’s needs and requirements.
- SDSU has more than 400,000 current alumni, approximately 240,000 of whom reside in San Diego County. As official representatives of this large constituency, we ask our alumni and all San Diegan’s who recognize the importance of higher education and SDSU to our community to take the following immediate actions: **(1) contact the Mayor and San Diego City Council members to communicate your opposition to any plans to redevelop the Qualcomm Stadium Site that are inconsistent with the stated seven requirements of SDSU, (2) urge the Mayor and San Diego City Council to pursue a transparent Request for Proposals (RFP) process to elicit the best plan for SDSU and the community, and (3) personally vote “No” on the SoccerCity initiative and any other potential future ballot initiative which does not incorporate the articulated needs of SDSU.**

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