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--A community organization dedicated to preserving the character, charm and historical resources of the Mission Hills neighborhood.

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Mayor Jerry Sanders City of San Diego 202 "C" Street San Diego, CA 92101

Re: Proposed Cabrillo Bridge Bypass Project

Dear Mayor Sanders:

Balboa Park in general and the Cabrillo Bridge in particular are regional assets of great historic and cultural value to the people of San Diego. We understand that reclaiming the Plaza de Panama from vehicular traffic is a laudable goal. However, we feel that the proposed bypass bridge at the east end of the Cabrillo Bridge is not in keeping with the historic nature and integrity of the bridge and western entrance to the park. For these reasons, we are opposed to the construction of the proposed bypass bridge as the means to divert traffic from the Plaza. Please consider the various alternatives to this project, or no project at all, rather than marring the iconic entrance to Balboa Park.

Respectfully,

Debbie Quillin

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