CITY OF DEL MAR

October 15, 2026

Re: Public Statement Regarding City Referral of Public Concerns for Outside Review

Once again, the City of Del Mar unfortunately finds itself in a position to clarify the facts and correct misstatements made by members of the 22nd DAA Board at their meeting on October 13, 2026.

On August 3, 2026, the Del Mar City Council took action to direct the City Attorney to refer serious concerns and a request for an investigation of potential misconduct by a member of the public to outside agencies for review. A copy of the agenda report related to this Council action can be found here: August 3, 2026, City Council Meeting Agenda Packet.

Why did the City take this action?

1) The City Council, as elected public officials, has a responsibility to take concerns raised by members of the public seriously and ensure they are handled appropriately.

2) The concerns brought forward to the City were serious in nature and warranted review.

3) The City of Del Mar is not an investigative agency and does not have investigative or enforcement authority over the named individuals or alleged conduct.

Facts of the Matter:

- **The City of Del Mar has made no allegations or suggested wrongdoing by anyone.** The City deferred the matter to outside agencies for review and handling.

- The City did not contact the media, issue a press release, or make any public statements related to the Council's action regarding the referral. The Council action was taken in public in the interest of transparency.

- Staff exchanged several communications with the individual who brought forward concerns and had no reason to believe they were anyone other than who they said they were.

- The individual who brought forward concerns did not represent that they were a witness to any wrongdoing or had first-hand knowledge of any wrongdoing. The information submitted by the individual was verified by the City through publicly available documents.

- Based on the information provided and the concerns raised, the City had a responsibility to act regardless of the identity of the complainant or whether they chose to identify themselves at all. It is not uncommon for individuals to want to protect their identity when raising serious concerns about people in high level positions. In this case, there has been more interest in the identity of the complainant than determining the legitimacy of the concerns they brought forward.

- The District Attorney's letter to the City focused on its review of concerns related to Attorney General Rob Bonta and made no specific mention of any other public officials.

While we understand the 22nd DAA Board's concerns about how this matter has impacted one of their members, it must understand the City's responsibility to act on the concerns raised and that the Council was fulfilling their ethical duty to the public in doing so.

Respectfully,

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Mayor