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TO: Councilmember Sherri Lightner, Chair
Committee on Economic Development and Intergovernmental
Relations (ED&IR)

FROM: Councilmember Marti Emerald

SUBJECT: ED&IR Committee 2014 Priorities

This is in response to your memo dated December 19, 2013 regarding ED&IR priorities for 2014. With regard to the preceding, and with the understanding that ED&IR will incorporate the traditional Rules Committee functions, I have outlined the following:

1. **Development Services Department** - Request a report from this department on ways to streamline the permitting process, especially with regard to the processing of private solar energy facilities.
2. **Economic Development** – Request regular updates, from the Planning, Neighborhoods & Economic Development Department, of the City's 2014-2016 Economic Development Strategy. Updates to include the direction from the Committee at the December 11, 2013 meeting. Updating and implementing this document is critical for success in retaining, attracting, and maintaining businesses. Updates must include how many businesses have been impacted and how many jobs were created and the methodology used to calculate these statistics.
3. **Office of Small Business** - Request monthly updates on current activities to “retain, attract and support businesses that contribute positively to our local economy and communities”.
4. **Inner City Jobs** - Review all programs that target inner city youth and young adult employment (prior to CDBG allocation).

I look forward to working with you on ways to improve our economy and retain good-paying jobs for all San Diegans.

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cc: Honorable Members of the City Council