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LCCC Condemns Derogatory Comments Made Against San Diego County Board of Supervisors and Supports Efforts to End Hate Speech

California – Latino Caucus of California Counties (LCCC) President V. Manuel Perez (Riverside County – 4th District) condemns the comments made on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 against San Diego County Supervisor Nora Vargas and others and supports efforts to end hate speech in public hearings.

“I was disheartened to hear the bigoted comments made on November 2nd against our LCCC member Supervisor Nora Vargas and her colleagues on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors,” said **LCCC President V. Manuel Perez (Riverside County – 4th District)**. “I am disappointed that comments of this nature were made in a public hearing. Unfortunately, some people still make openly racist, misogynistic, homophobic, and threatening comments in these public settings. As County Supervisors, we must protect freedom of speech without compromising respectful dialogue and order. We all have the right to agree or disagree, make suggestions, and show our support or dislikes, but if the sole purpose of making commentary is to disrupt our democratic process and wreak havoc, then one can only surmise that the intent is harmful and compromises public safety.

Supervisor Nora Vargas and the entire San Diego County Board of Supervisors deserve our wholehearted support for taking the steps necessary to make adjustments to policies and procedures so that this breach of public safety can never happen again. We applaud you for taking a stand against this injustice because free speech does not mean hate speech.

The LCCC supports the efforts of San Diego County Board of Supervisors Chair Nathan Fletcher and Vice Chair Nora Vargas to approve amendments to the Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure and to adopt a resolution entitled: Amending the Rules of Procedure of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.”

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