



July 25, 2022

Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria
San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera
San Diego City Councilmembers Joe LaCava; Jennifer Campbell; Stephen Whitburn; Monica Montgomery
Steppe; Marni von Wilpert; Chris Cate; Raul Campillo; Vivian Moreno
City Administration Building
202 C St.
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Gloria and Councilmembers,

The 101 Ash Street issue is a scandal.

The City of San Diego was knowingly sold an asbestos time bomb and citizens, who had nothing to do with this mess, now have to pay the price to resolve it.

Taxpayers, especially those in District 6 who have been pleading with the city to restore our infrastructure and broken streets, will not be happy to see monies earmarked for already-budgeted road projects, like the one to rebuild Gold Coast Dr. and Parkdale Ave. in Mira Mesa, used instead by the administration to help pay for the Ash Street settlement – earmarked at some \$86 million.

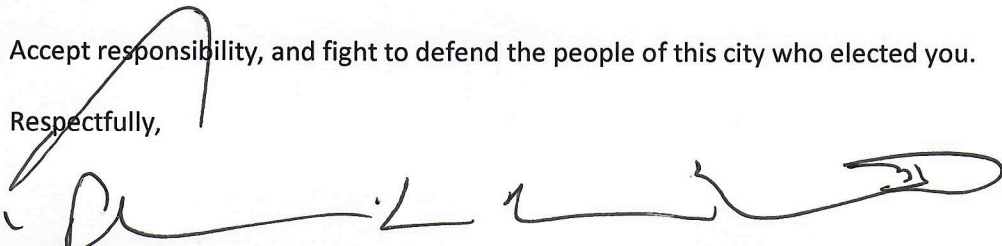
Residents in our District 6 communities of Mira Mesa, Kearny Mesa, University City, Sorrento Valley, Miramar, and Scripps Ranch are already furious at the ongoing waste of tens of millions of dollars of city funds since the Ash Street facility was purchased in 2016. This raiding of road funds to resolve it is nothing less than insult to injury, with no one apparently being held accountable.

The city should fight for taxpayers to get their money back.

Based on the legal analysis from the city's lawyer, this council should reject the proposed settlement, and proceed with an independent state or federal investigation to, at last, get to the bottom of the scandal and its monumental waste of money in the interest of all San Diego residents.

Accept responsibility, and fight to defend the people of this city who elected you.

Respectfully,


Tommy Hough