

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



TONI ATKINS

DEPUTY MAYOR
THIRD COUNCIL DISTRICT

September 27, 2005

Mr. Bill Morris
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KPMG LLP
55 Second Street, Suite 1400
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Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for attending last night's City Council meeting to provide my colleagues and me with a status update on the City's Fiscal Year 2003 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. We appreciate your making yourself available to the Council, as well as to the citizens of San Diego, to answer questions and address issues as they relate to the City's 2003 financial statements.

However, I feel it necessary to express my apologies that you were made a party to such an inappropriate, unprofessional and, quite frankly, embarrassing level of behavior demonstrated by the City Attorney at last night's meeting. I want to express in the strongest possible terms that in this matter the City Attorney does not speak for me or the City Council, nor are his views representative of City Council as a body as it relates to your firm's work on the City's 2003 financial statements.

I want to reaffirm to you that I am wholly committed to the continued retention of Messrs. Levitt, Turner, and Dahlberg as the members of the City's independent Audit Committee. I have supported, and will continue to support, any action that they deem necessary and appropriate to complete their work in a manner befitting professional accounting standards.

I am dedicated to staying the course with your firm in order to complete the City's FY 2003 audit in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Atkins".

TONI ATKINS
Deputy Mayor
City of San Diego

cc: The Honorable City Council
City Manager

