

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 20, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patricia Allison, City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: **REQUEST BY COUNCILMEMBER SANCHEZ TO INITIATE THE PROCESS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN, SECTION 1.13 – NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER, TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH MORRO HILLS CHARACTER STATEMENT; AND DIRECTION TO STAFF**

The Morro Hills neighborhood of Oceanside (also known as South Morro Hills) is a rural community and greenbelt that shall be retained and enhanced by:

- 1) Maintaining the agricultural zoning and the 2.5 acre minimum lot size.
- 2) Limiting infrastructure development (e.g., traditional sidewalks, street lights, and traffic lights).
- 3) Preserving the open space character and natural beauty associated with the rolling hills topography, ridges, streambeds, and rock outcroppings, including the ridgeline commonly known as the "Sleeping Indian".
- 4) Conserving the rural landscape and native habitats along the San Luis Rey River corridor leading to and from the neighborhood.