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### **City of San Bruno Appreciates the National Transportation Safety Board's Thorough Analysis and Investigation Into the September 9, 2010 Pipeline Explosion**

**San Bruno, CA** – The City of San Bruno (“City”) is very pleased with the thorough and detailed analysis completed by the National Transportation Safety Board (“NTSB”) in the presentation of its final accident report hearing today concerning the devastating pipeline explosion that took place on September 9, 2010. The exhaustive review completed by the NTSB over the past year covered all of the relevant factors that led to the pipeline owned and operated by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (“PG&E”).

At the hearing, the NTSB issued, deliberated, and voted on the final accident report which summarized the accident’s emergency response, post-accident excavation and field testing, a summary of NTSB tests and research, and a determination of the probable cause of the accident. The NTSB rejected the notion that the pipeline explosion and fire which devastated the community was an “anomaly” as industry representatives had previously testified. Rather, the systemic organizational failures of PG&E, the California Public Utilities Commission, and Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration combined together to allow a defective pipeline to remain undiscovered for sixty years.

“We look forward to hearing PG&E’s commitment to elevating safety to the necessary level of organizational priority to assure that this type of tragedy never happens again,” said Mayor Jim Ruane. “We thank the NTSB for its thorough and comprehensive investigation of the explosion that traumatized our community.”

“We are confident that the issues evaluated by the NTSB are in fact those that caused the tragic incident in our community,” said City Manager Connie Jackson. “Our residents rely on the companies that transport and deliver natural gas to ensure the safety of their communities in this process.”

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