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*Chairperson Marti Emerald heralds efforts to add alternatives for Gaslamp revelers*

**San Diego, CA**-The Taxicab Committee, which administers taxicab policy under the auspices of the Metropolitan Transit System accepted a report on Friday to add new permanent and temporary taxicab stands in the Gaslamp Quarter.

The new stands will make room for 16 more taxis to serve late-night and early- morning patrons of Gaslamp Quarter establishments.

"This is very positive news for all San Diegans," said committee chairwoman and San Diego Councilmember (District 7) Marti Emerald. "With more taxi stands, people who may have been drinking will have more opportunities to take a taxi rather than get behind the wheel and endanger lives."

Emerald acknowledged the efforts of Gaslamp Quarter Association Executive Director Jimmy Parker and City of San Diego Senior Traffic Engineer Steve Celniker, P.E., to add the taxi stands.

"Positive actions in our communities are the result of hard work by individuals," she said. "I want to thank Jimmy and Steve for their efforts to affect positive change in the Gaslamp Quarter."

New locations include:

- 4th Avenue, westside, south of E St.
- 5th Avenue, westside, south of F St.
- 5th Avenue, eastside, south of G St.
- 5th Avenue, eastside between J ST. and Island Ave.
- 5th Avenue, westside, south of Broadway
- 5th Avenue, westside between Broadway and C St.
- 6th Avenue, westside between J St. and Island Ave.
- 6th Avenue, westside north of Market St.
- 6th Avenue, westside between E St. and Broadway
- J Street, northside between 5th Ave. and 6th Ave.
- Island Avenue, northside between 7th Ave. and 6th Ave.

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