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STATEMENT OF HEIDI BARSUGLIA **FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT** **ALL GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS ARE CLOSED**

With the announcement by the United States Attorney and the Federal Bureau of Investigation that they have concluded their investigations without any reason for action:

Mrs. Heidi Barsuglia said today that: "This experience has been a professional and personal nightmare. I did nothing whatsoever illegal or unethical with former Assemblyman Duvall or anyone else. What is shocking to me and my family is that anyone would have taken seriously the statements of someone boasting about his alleged exploits or even believed for a moment that they were true. I am now pleased to be able to say publicly that, the United States Attorney, the FBI, the FPPC and my employer have all carefully examined the facts and found no violation of legal or ethical standards."

Malcolm Segal, Mrs. Barsuglia's personal attorney, said that: "Mrs. Barsuglia has been defamed in monumental proportions. Her reputation, her job, and her exemplary career have all been placed in jeopardy by Duvall's disgusting remarks. Sadly, his recorded comments were clearly made in a way which lead people to believe that she was the subject of his conversation and his statements after the tape became public did very little to correct the situation."

"Just so there is no doubt left in anyone's mind," Segal said, "what Mr. Duvall later called 'inappropriate storytelling' was just a plain old-fashioned lie. Mrs. Barsuglia is considering all of her legal remedies."

Mrs. Barsuglia has cooperated fully with her employer and the government authorities from the moment this issue surfaced. She wishes to thank Sempra Energy not only for their fair treatment of her from the beginning but also for the support provided by management and her fellow employees and colleagues. Needless to say, she also thanks her family and many friends for their support and the comfort they provided.

Now that all of the inquiries are concluded and the matter put entirely to rest, Mrs. Barsuglia very much looks forward to returning to work. She desires to resume her personal and professional life free of the unfair rumors and discussions caused by this incident and will not be commenting any further on the subject.