

Ethics Commission

October 22, 2021

Ms. Jaymie Bradford
Yes! For a Better San Diego
402 W Broadway, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: Yes! For a Better San Diego – supported by a coalition of downtown tourism and lodging organizations, civic and community activists, organized labor, and homeless advocates (ID # 1399478)

Dear Ms. Bradford:

The Ethics Commission audit of the above-referenced committee is now concluded, and the Final Audit Report is enclosed. This report was delivered to the Ethics Commission at its regularly-scheduled meeting held on October 21, 2021. The Commission observed that the findings reflected in the Audit Report indicate that the committee substantially complied with local campaign laws. As a result, the Commission voted to accept the report.

Sincerely,

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Rosalba Gomez
Audit Program Manager

Enclosure

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

October 11, 2021

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Treasurer: Jaymie Bradford
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SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION AUDIT REPORT:

Yes! For a Better San Diego – supported by a coalition of downtown tourism and lodging organizations, civic and community activists, organized labor, and homeless advocates

I. Introduction

This Audit Report contains information pertaining to the audit of the committee, Yes! For a Better San Diego – supported by a coalition of downtown tourism and lodging organizations, civic and community activists, organized labor, and homeless advocates, Identification Number 1399478 (“the Committee”) for the period from October 17, 2017, through October 3, 2019. The Committee was selected for audit by a designee of the City Clerk in a random drawing conducted at a public meeting of the Ethics Commission held on September 12, 2019. The audit was conducted to determine whether the Committee materially complied with the requirements and prohibitions imposed by the City of San Diego’s Election Campaign Control Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 7, Division 29).

During the period covered by the audit, the Committee reported total contributions of \$2,182,719.82 (inclusive of non-monetary contributions) and total expenditures of \$1,729,439.43. Total cash contributions relative to total expenditures resulted in a \$432,052.32 differential that was reconciled by the Committee’s cash on hand and miscellaneous increase to cash. **The audit revealed no material findings. The committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

II. Committee Information

On October 17, 2017, the Committee filed a Statement of Organization with the San Diego City

Clerk indicating that it qualified as a committee. The Committee was formed to support a referendum in support of a citizen's initiative to expand the Convention Center. The Committee has not terminated. The Committee's treasurer and principal officer is Jaymie Bradford.

III. Audit Authority

The Commission is mandated by San Diego Municipal Code section 26.0414 to audit campaign statements and other relevant documents to determine whether campaign committees comply with applicable requirements and prohibitions imposed by local law.

IV. Audit Scope and Procedures

This audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The audit involved a thorough review of the Committee's records for the time period covered by the audit. This review was conducted to determine:

1. Compliance with all disclosure requirements, pertaining to contributions, expenditures, accrued expenditures, and loans, including itemization when required;
2. Compliance with applicable filing deadlines;
3. Compliance with restrictions on contributions, loans and expenditures;
4. Accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to bank records; and
5. Compliance with all record-keeping requirements.

V. Conclusion

Through the examination of the Committee's records and campaign disclosure statements, the Auditor verified that the Committee timely disclosed all contributions received and all expenditures made, and that the Committee maintained the necessary documentation regarding contributions and expenditures. **As a result, the Auditor determined that there were no material findings. The Committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

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Rosalba Gomez
Audit Program Manager

Date

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Sharon Spivak
Executive Director

Date