

Interactions with The San Diego Union-Tribune

**“The city would collect \$9.4 million from Hughes if the deal wins City Council approval at a special afternoon meeting Wednesday”**

March 21, 2023

**Question:**

Does your boss want to comment on any proposed settlement terms ahead of the WED special meeting? I have to ask if she supports a deal with Hughes.

**Response:**

In response to your question, here is a quote from City Attorney Mara W. Elliott:

“The settlement amount represents all of Jason Hughes’s ill-gotten gains from the City. It is the same amount the City was seeking in litigation under the state’s anti-corruption law, Section 1090, which requires disgorgement of every dollar that is obtained improperly. In addition, the City avoids trial costs estimated at upwards of \$1 million. This is an excellent result and an indisputable victory for the City.”

– Mara W. Elliott

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