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April 9, 2009

Mr. Carl DeMaio  
City Councilmember-District 5  
202 C Street 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Councilmember DeMaio:

Subject: Proposed Recommendation - Small Business Tax and Relief Proposals

The Small Business Advisory Board discussed your request for suggestions for business tax relief and respectfully submits the following proposal for an amnesty program.

The program would be implemented so as to be effective from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 and all late fees, penalties, and interest would be waived for businesses complying with the City's business tax certificate requirements during this time period.

Specifically, with regards to the City's Franchise Tax Board (FTB) compliance effort, the Board is recommending that businesses receiving an FTB letter during the amnesty period be given 90 days from the date of the notice to comply and pay the outstanding business taxes, the Zoning Use Clearance (ZUC) fee, and the applicable processing fee, otherwise all penalties, late fees, and interest, would be applied.

For businesses already registered with the City's Business Tax office but not in compliance, they would have from July 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009 to come into compliance otherwise all penalties, late fees, and interest, would be reinstated to their Business Tax account.

For other businesses that register with the Business Tax office between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009, and pay the appropriate business taxes and fees, then all penalties, late fees and interest would be waived.

Further, since Business Improvement District (BID) assessments are levied in the same time and manner as the Business Tax that the amnesty program would similarly waive the penalties, late fees and interest applicable to the BID assessment, but the assessments themselves would still be levied.



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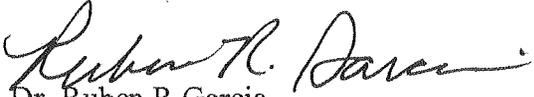
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Please feel free to contact me at (619) 727-4880 if you have any questions or comments on this proposed amnesty program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruben R. Garcia".

Dr. Ruben R. Garcia  
Small Business Advisory Board, Chairman

cc: Mayor Jerry Sanders