

July 1, 1999

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**ASSOCIATE ECONOMIST**

**DEFINITION:**

Under direction, to perform journey-level analyses in determining the economic impact of urban growth; to assist in making short and long-range econometric revenue projections on a City-wide basis; and to perform related work.

\* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Conducts a variety of journey-level analyses in determining the economic impact of urban growth;
- Assists in the assessment of development proposals and growth strategies;
- Develops econometric models to measure and forecast revenues;
- Independently collects and interprets data on specific economic variables to determine historical performance and make econometric projections;
- Determines the statistical relationships between specific economic variables and revenue sources;
- Assists in projecting the interrelationship of economic conditions and the City's financial condition;
- Separates economic data reported on a regional basis and determines corresponding City-wide data;
- Determines the reliability of simulation models and equations by applying routine statistical tests;
- Evaluates various tax forms and performs cost-benefit analysis of capital improvement programs;
- Assists in preparing reports and recommendations for the City Manager, City Council, and Planning Commission.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

College graduation with a Bachelor's degree and successful completion of graduate course work in Economics or a related field; **AND** one year of experience in the design and application of economic analysis techniques, including statistical econometric or models.

- \* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.