

## SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 CEOC MEETING

### NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Good evening – My name is Rosalind Winstead, and I am addressing the Commission this evening under *non-agenda public comment* to inform you that in April of this year, I initiated my 10th Public Record Act Request regarding the City's EO Program and City Staff's ongoing interface with the litigious Associated General Contractors -San Diego Chapter. Previous PRA's generated information that sheds light on the incestuous relationship the local AGC's lobbyists and members enjoy with City staff tasked with awarding and administering City construction contracts.

Under the guise of an AGC/ City of San Diego Liaison Committee, closed door meetings with City staff have been held for years at the AGC's offices and can only be attended by individuals employed by AGC San Diego Chapter members. These meetings are reportedly used to share information on the City's projects, relevant regulatory and administrative issues impacting City contractors.

I would submit, however, that the actual intent of the meeting is to peddle influence, much of which has had a corrosive impact on how the City conducts business. Violations of the City's Sunshine Act are but one example, and others may include the City's historical failure to debar incompetent contractors, and to implement a viable contractor evaluation process.

In other jurisdictions, meetings are routinely held with City staff and all interested contractors – providing both vital opportunities to get important and timely information -- **and to network**. The City of San Diego's long-standing relationship with the local AGC is essentially promoting City-sanctioned segregation and has created and facilitated a "separate and not quite equal paradigm" that undermines opportunity for firms that may not be able to afford or stomach the political agenda of the rabid and litigious AGC San Diego Chapter.

I must note that in response to criticism of the City's participation in closed door, member only meetings with AGC, "city-wide meetings" are being held, but the few sign-in sheets secured in the PRA indicate attendance is nominal. I wonder why...

In the months ahead, I hope this important commission will investigate the issues raised today. I will be returning to you with additional information as the review of secured materials progresses.

I appreciate the opportunity to speak. **NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT ENDED HERE**

**Nov. 10, 2014 Monday Morning quarterback available online on the AGC's website.**

**An Election Re-Cap, & Wild Ride in the 52<sup>nd</sup> Congressional Race!**

*By Brad Barnum, Vice President of Government Relations*

**City of San Diego Update**

“AGC’s most important win came when Chris Cate handily defeated Carol Kim for San Diego City Council. This was a hard fought race, and one (in which) AGC and a number of business organizations organized a successful Independent Expenditure campaign. “Citizens for Fairness & Jobs” did its job to communicate positive messages about Chris via mail and television.

### **San Diego Agency Leaders to Discuss Capital Improvement Projects for 2014/2015**

By Eddie Sprecco, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

*The article identified Tony Heinrich, the then City of San Diego Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Jim Naegelvort, the Director of Public Works, as being featured at the \$50.00 per person San Diego Yacht Club event. Four other speakers were also listed from SANDAG, the County of San Diego, Caltrans and the San Diego Regional Airport Authority.*

*The article also states that: **“And...if you really want to make an impression, sponsorship opportunities for this meeting are available!”***