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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH
UNITE HERE SAN DIEGO CONCERNING FAILURE
TO DISCLOSE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES**

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of a stipulated settlement agreement with Unite Here San Diego: a Sponsored Committee of Unite Here International and Unite Here Local 30. The committee has agreed to pay a fine of \$500 for failing to timely disclose all of the independent expenditures it made to support Felipe Hueso, a candidate for City Council District 8 in the November 2010 general election. Ms. Fulhorst explained that the committee made payments totaling \$4,775.83 to support Felipe Hueso's candidacy, but only disclosed \$2,774.73 of its expenditures before the election.

The Commission Chair, Clyde Fuller, stated that "The timely disclosure of independent expenditures is essential because it ensures that voters receive important information regarding the sources and amounts of expenditures made to support or oppose local candidates." According to Commissioner Fuller, the amount of the fine was appropriate given the fact that the committee disclosed some of its expenditures before the election, effectively putting the public on notice of its support for Candidate Hueso.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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