



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

December 11, 2015

VIA REGULAR & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Richard Barrera  
A Better San Diego Issues Committee  
3737 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 403  
San Diego, CA 92108

Re: A Better San Diego Issues Committee, a Sponsored Committee of the San Diego  
and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO (ID # 1338947)

Dear Mr. Barrera:

The Ethics Commission audit of the above-referenced committee is now concluded, and the Final Audit Report is enclosed. This report was delivered to the Ethics Commission at its regularly-scheduled meeting held on December 10, 2015. The Commission observed that the findings reflected in the Audit Report indicate that the committee substantially complied with local campaign laws. As a result, the Commission voted to accept the report.

Sincerely,

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Rosalba Gomez  
Ethics Commission Auditor

Enclosure

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## FINAL AUDIT REPORT

November 23, 2015

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### SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION AUDIT REPORT:

*A Better San Diego Issues Committee, a Sponsored Committee of the San Diego and Imperial  
Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO*

#### I. Introduction

This Audit Report contains information pertaining to the audit of the committee, A Better San Diego Issues Committee, a Sponsored Committee of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council, AFL-CIO, Identification Number 1338947 ("the Committee") for the period from October 1, 2011, through August 14, 2012. The Committee was selected for audit by a designee of the City Clerk in a random drawing conducted at a public meeting of the Ethics Commission held on September 12, 2013. The audit was conducted to determine whether the Committee materially complied with the requirements and prohibitions imposed by the City of San Diego's Election Campaign Control Ordinance (San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 2, Article 7, Division 29). The Election Campaign Control Ordinance (ECCO) was amended on January 1, 2013. This Committee operated under the previous ECCO, and therefore all Code references in this report relate to the provisions of ECCO that were in effect prior to January 1, 2013.

During the period covered by the audit, the Committee reported total contributions of \$172,600.00 and total expenditures of \$123,774.90. **The audit revealed no material findings. The committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

#### II. Committee Information

On May 27, 2011, the Committee filed a Statement of Organization with the San Diego City Clerk

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indicating that it qualified as a committee. The Committee was formed to oppose the ballot measures Proposition A (Prohibits the City from Requiring Project Labor Agreements on City Construction Projects) and Proposition B (Amends City Charter Regarding Retirements Benefits) in the June 5, 2012 primary election. (The Committee was formerly known as Just Say No - No on Propositions A & B, a sponsored committee of San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council AFL-CIO.) The Committee has not terminated. The Committee's treasurer is Richard Barrera.

### III. Audit Authority

The Commission is mandated by San Diego Municipal Code section 26.0414 to audit campaign statements and other relevant documents to determine whether campaign committees comply with applicable requirements and prohibitions imposed by local law.

### IV. Audit Scope and Procedures

This audit was performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The audit involved a thorough review of the Committee's records for the time period covered by the audit. This review was conducted to determine:

1. Compliance with all disclosure requirements, pertaining to contributions, expenditures, accrued expenditures, and loans, including itemization when required;
2. Compliance with applicable filing deadlines;
3. Compliance with restrictions on contributions, loans and expenditures;
4. Accuracy of total reported receipts, disbursements and cash balances as compared to bank records; and
5. Compliance with all record-keeping requirements.

### V. Conclusion

Through the examination of the Committee's records and campaign disclosure statements, the Auditor verified that the Committee timely disclosed all contributions received and all expenditures made, and that the Committee maintained the necessary documentation regarding contributions and expenditures. **As a result, the Auditor determined that there were no material findings. The Committee substantially complied with the disclosure and record-keeping provisions of the San Diego Election Campaign Control Ordinance.**

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Rosalba Gomez  
Audit Program Manager

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Stacey Fulhorst  
Executive Director

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Date