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NEWS RELEASE

City Council Vote is a Victory for Jobs and Economy
Mayor Faulconer praises panel's decision to rescind a massive increase in the linkage fee that threatened to put San Diego at an economic disadvantage

San Diego, CA – Mayor Kevin Faulconer applauded the unanimous decision today by the City Council to repeal a significant fee increase on commercial development that would harm the local economy.

The Workforce Housing Offset, also known as the linkage fee, would have increased fivefold under a council-approved plan to raise money for affordable housing projects. A successful signature drive was launched to force a public vote on the issue. The City Council voted to rescind the increase rather than put it on the ballot.

"This repeal of a massive increase to the linkage fee is a victory for jobs and the local economy," Faulconer said. **"The City Council made the right decision, avoiding a costly election battle and creating an opportunity to reach a bipartisan compromise to address affordable housing that doesn't negatively impact San Diego's economic development."**

Faulconer added, **"All of us can agree there is an affordable housing crisis in San Diego and I will work to bring together the business community and housing advocates to find a reasonable solution that benefits San Diegans."**

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