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Sherman to Hold Hearing on Pension Double-Dipping Program for Politicians

SAN DIEGO – Councilmember Scott Sherman today called on the San Diego Audit Committee to hold a hearing on a new proposal from Mayor Bob Filner which would allow ex-City Councilmembers to double dip at taxpayer expense.

Filner’s plan would allow politicians (and only politicians) the ability to retire, start collecting a pension and then go back to the city through a “reemployment program” to begin drawing a full salary.

Sherman, who does not collect a pension and was a vocal advocate for pension reform during Prop B’s successful passage, called for the hearing at the next meeting of the Audit Committee via a memo sent to Audit Committee Chairman Kevin Faulconer.

“This proposal raises serious questions that must be answered before this item should be brought before the City Council. For example, has the Mayor considered tax compliance regulations for our pension system or ran this proposal by the IRS? How many other cities do this for their politicians?” Sherman noted in the memo.

Sherman represents the central and eastern part of the City of San Diego on the City Council, including Mission Valley, Tierrasanta, Allied Gardens, Del Cerro, Grantville, Linda Vista, Serra Mesa, and Mission Trails Park.

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