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Sherman Proposes "San Diego Public Records Act"

In response to Sacramento's proposal to undermine the California Public Records Act, Sherman proposes new law to lock in transparency at the City of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, CALIF – In response to recent legislation passed by the State Legislature which would remove Public Records Act (PRA) requirements for local government agencies, Councilmember Scott Sherman today sent the attached memo requesting that the Rules Committee take action on a "San Diego Public Records Act."

The "San Diego Public Records Act" would require the City to adhere to the transparency requirements that are currently established in the California Public Records Act. Specifically, it would codify the following aspects of the California Public Records Act into the City's Municipal Code:

- Respond to PRA requests within 10 days
- Provide electronic records in their original format
- Provide a reason for denying PRA requests

"San Diegans deserve transparency and accountability in their city government. This law will ensure that open and transparent government in San Diego will never be undermined by Sacramento," said Councilman Sherman.

To schedule an interview with Councilmember Sherman please contact Diana Palacios at 619-236-6677 or 915-227-2341