



City Councilmember Scott Sherman

District 7

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Sherman Opposes “Jobs Killing Tax”

SAN DIEGO - Today the City Council voted 5-4 to raise “Linkage Fees” on commercial development in the City of San Diego. It is estimated the action taken will raise this fee on commercial developments by 377% -744%.

Councilmember Scott Sherman voted against this proposal because it puts San Diego at a serious disadvantage, as we are the only jurisdiction in the County that charges this “jobs tax.”

“We all talk about job creation, but when the economy is finally showing signs of growth, the first thing we do as a Council is pass a massive ‘jobs killing tax’ on that growth,” said Councilmember Sherman.

“Businesses that are looking to expand in San Diego will be inclined to expand in neighboring cities who do not charge this tax in order to avoid paying for these additional barriers to doing business here,” noted Sherman.

The City of San Diego established a “Housing Impact Fee” also known as a “Linkage Fee” in 1990 to serve as the primary source of revenue for the Housing Trust Fund to finance the construction of affordable housing. This fee is charged to non-residential building developments on a per square foot basis. In response to a recession in 1996 to spur growth, the linkage fee was reduced by 50%.

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