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## **Council Committee Effectively Kills Pension Stabilization Reserve Fund**

### ***Fiscally Irresponsible Action Could Threaten Important City Services in the Future***

San Diego – Today, in a disappointing 2-3 partisan vote, the Budget and Government Efficiency Committee effectively killed a proposed pension stabilization reserve fund. The reserve fund would help protect the General Fund from unforeseen increases in the City's required payments to the pension fund.

The reserve fund, which was proposed by the Mayor and supported by the Office of the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) would help ensure that vital city programs such as streets and libraries would be shielded from potential damaging cuts.

Councilmember Sherman is concerned that his council colleagues have forgotten San Diego's past pension crisis:

"The idea behind this fiscally sound policy is that when times are good, you save. When times are bad, you wish you had," said Councilmember Sherman. "It is important that the City Council learn from the mistakes of the past and be prepared when, not if, markets decline."

Councilmember Sherman will be pushing to have the item direct-docketed to the full City Council.

"This measure is much too important to the fiscal health of our City to let it die in committee. I want to ensure that every Councilmember has the opportunity to go on record whether they support this measure," said Sherman. "The City Council is tasked to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and implement fiscally sound measures to ensure that future services are not cut."

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