

Resolution: Safeguard San Diego's State Infrastructure Funding by Bernadette Butkiewicz

WHEREAS, San Diego is facing an economic crisis and safeguarding our fair share of state infrastructure funds is essential to rebuilding our community and helping working families struggling to get by,

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego should be putting working people first as we recover from COVID-19 through priority local hiring, job retraining for laid off workers and economic investment in hard hit communities,

WHEREAS, San Diego has lost millions of dollars due to outdated city contracting rules that astonishingly ban pro-worker project labor agreements in violation of state funding requirements, and we can't risk losing even a single more dollar or job in this crisis,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Diego County Democratic Party urges the City Council to place the Safeguard San Diego measure on the November ballot to protect state infrastructure funding for San Diego so we can recover, rebuild and get San Diegans back to work.

IT IS HERE BY RESOLVED FURTHER, the San Diego Democratic Party stands with ensuring local workforce is utilized and trained for a lifelong career in construction. Allowing for the possibility of Project Labor Agreements can help ensure our local Minority Business Enterprises, Woman Business Enterprises, and Small Local Business Enterprises have an advantage to succeed on our local public works projects.



Background:

New state laws make it necessary for San Diego to update city contracting policies or risk losing millions in state infrastructure funds. That is a risk San Diego simply cannot afford.

We urge you to consider placing before voters a measure to safeguard state funding for San Diego by maintaining the city's discretion over the use of project labor agreements and strengthening taxpayer accountability in city contracting.

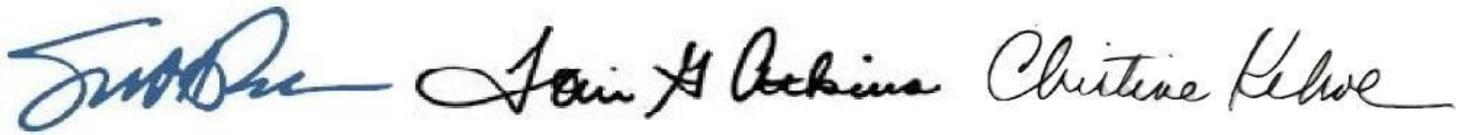
These changes are necessary to meet state funding requirements (SB 922, SB 899) and ensure San Diego doesn't leave a single dollar, or job, on the table as we work to recover and rebuild.

With 1 in 4 San Diegans unemployed and small businesses reeling, preserving state funding is critical. In 2019, San Diego received over \$64 million in state funds to fix streets, upgrade parks and rebuild neighborhood infrastructure. For San Diego's Pure Water project alone, the loss of state funds would cost city taxpayers \$140 million. All of that is at risk if the city does not act.

Last March, Chula Vista voters overwhelmingly approved a similar measure with over 67% of the vote. A recent public opinion survey showed strong backing in San Diego for such a policy with more than 60% in support and hardly 15% in opposition.

In reforming city contracting policies, we also urge adoption of stronger taxpayer accountability provisions including increased oversight, criminal penalties for misuse of funds and more public disclosure. Now more than ever, San Diegans should know their precious tax dollars are being spent as intended to rebuild our city, support local businesses, and create urgently needed jobs.

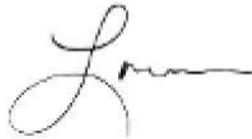
Please give voters a voice in updating city contracting rules to protect state funding for San Diego. Let's rebuild our infrastructure, rebuild our economy and get San Diegans back to work.



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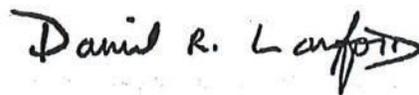
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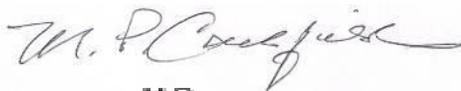
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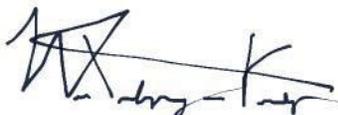
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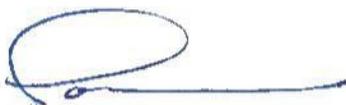
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