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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH  
WORKING SAN DIEGANS PAC CONCERNING FAILURE  
TO DISCLOSE AFSCME SPONSORSHIP**

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of a stipulated settlement agreement with Working San Diegans PAC, Supporting Howard Wayne 2010, with major funding from AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 127). The committee has agreed to pay a fine of \$10,000 for failing to disclose that it was sponsored by AFSCME on its campaign literature and on several of its campaign statements.

Ms. Fulhorst explained that the Working San Diegans PAC produced and distributed 36,000 mailers and flyers to residents of Council District 6 in advance of the November 2, 2010, general election in support of City Council candidate Howard Wayne. Although each piece of campaign literature indicated that it was "paid for by" Working San Diegans, it did not include the additional requisite disclosure that the committee was sponsored by AFSCME. Similarly, two campaign statements filed by the committee failed to include the identity of the sponsor in the committee's name. According to Ms. Fulhorst, the committee relied on its consultant to ensure compliance with the City's campaign laws, and the consultant has accepted responsibility for the mistakes and agreed to pay the fine.

The Commission Chairman, Larry Westfall, stated that "One of the primary purposes of the City's campaign laws is to ensure that information regarding committee sponsorship and funding is promptly

disclosed to the public.” Chairman Westfall added that the failure to disclose this information on campaign literature deprived the residents of District 6 of essential facts that could have influenced their votes in the Council race.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego’s General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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