The Honorable Sherri Lightner Council President Pro Tem 202 C Street, 10th Floor San Diego, CA 92101

## **RE:** Vote 'No' on the San Diego Housing Commission's 'Workforce Housing Offset' Fee on November 4, 2013

Dear Council President Pro Tem Lightner:

I respectfully ask that you vote to oppose the San Diego Housing Commission's Workforce Housing Offset Fee on Monday, November 4.

I am very concerned with the push to impose an *immediate five hundred to nine hundred percent tax increase* that directly targets businesses and job creation. I strongly believe the City Council should not increase fees when San Diego's economy and job market is still recovering from the recession. This proposal will negatively impact all businesses that cannot afford another cost in this challenging economy. Instead of fee increases, I would like to see the City Council adopt incentives that encourage economic development and job creation.

San Diego is facing fierce competition from other cities across the county, state and nation when a company is looking to locate new business or expand an existing use. This fee is one of many that make San Diego less competitive.

For these reasons, I ask that you vote to oppose the Workforce Housing Offset Fee on November 4.

Sincerely,