

SAFEGUARD SAN DIEGO BALLOT MEASURE

Preserve our fair share of state infrastructure funding to recover, rebuild and get San Diegans back to work

PROBLEM:

Outdated city contracting rules put San Diego at risk to lose millions in state infrastructure funds. In this economic crisis, that's a risk we simply can't afford.

SOLUTION:

The Safeguard San Diego ballot measure updates city contracting policies to meet state requirements so we don't leave a single dollar - or job - on the table. It's a small fix with a big impact.

WHAT'S AT STAKE:

San Diego received \$64 million in state funding for local infrastructure projects in 2019 alone. Loss of access to state funds for the city's Pure Water upgrades would cost taxpayers \$140 million. Many more street repairs, transit upgrades and affordable housing projects are in jeopardy if San Diego's state infrastructure funding is cut.

HOW'D WE GET HERE:

In 2012, special interests passed a ban on project labor agreements on San Diego infrastructure projects. But new state laws (SB 922, SB 829) cut funding from cities with any law that 'prohibits, limits or constrains' these agreements. A fix is urgent and overdue.

WHY NOW:

With over \$12 billion lost from San Diego's economy due to COVID-19, we need to safeguard our city's ability to rebuild and get San Diegans back to work. Empowering the city to pass workforce protections, like priority local hiring and apprenticeships for laid off workers, is more important than ever.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE MEASURE:

- Ensures San Diego doesn't lose state infrastructure funding
- Restores the city's ability to use project labor agreements for priority local hiring
- Prohibits all forms of discrimination in city public works projects
- Expands public disclosure for all bids and contract awards over \$10k
- Strengthens taxpayer accountability with citizen oversight of infrastructure spending

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Safeguard San Diego would restore the city's discretion over project labor agreements – it wouldn't mandate their use. All workers and businesses, union and non-union, would continue to be able to bid and work on city projects.

SUPPORTERS:

An amazing city-wide coalition supports Safeguard San Diego for November's ballot: San Diego's Building Trades Council, Middle Class Taxpayers Association, Pillars of the Community, HoMEwork, Alliance San Diego, San Diego Labor Council, Congressman Scott Peters, Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, and more.

ADD YOUR VOICE:

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