

Communications on San Diego Linkage Fee – Tuesday, December 17

From: Craig Benedetto

There have been several hearings since the November 4th meeting of the council, but they were all pro forma, and, ultimately, they voted to adopt what we are now calling the JOBS KILLING TAX, as proposed, but phased in over two years. Ultimately, the JOBS Coalition, and BOMA San Diego, were opposed to this dramatic increase (which ranges from a 400%-900% increase...or a jump of about \$4 per square foot on commercial office construction). BOMA San Diego's GA Committee met again on Monday, December 16, 2013 and committed to support the referendum and litigation of the fee increase. In addition, the BOMA SD Board of Directors voted to allocate another \$10,000 to the referendum/litigation effort. I believe the BOMA IDF allocation still has dollars available to this effort, but I wanted to ask if we can have that check cut to the political committee that we determined to form yesterday in order to push for a referendum on this matter. I can send you the details, but the committee will be called: The Committee to Stop the Jobs Killing Tax. Let me know...and thanks again for all of your support. If you need more details on the actual decision, we can send you a write up we've prepared for our local audience.

From: Toby Burke

Enclosed is the linkage fee presentation by Craig Benedetto to NAIOP and BOMA at our individual meetings during CBPA's Strategic Conference last month. The Committee to Stop the Jobs Killing Tax was officially established on Monday, December 16 in order to start receiving funds and begin the petition drive calling for a local ballot referendum to overturn the city council's decision to dramatically increase the linkage fee and maintain the linkage fee at its current level. Not to bore you with local parliamentary procedures given the city has no mayor right now, the bottom line is that the committee has 30 days from December 24th in which to gather at least 34,000 valid signatures onto a petition. Once the petition has been certified and a date set for a public vote on the referendum, the coalition (committee) will lead the campaign to educate the general public on this issue.