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Good Morning, Supervisors,

Full text:

Another tax, but the catch is how many projects and items within the projects this is supposed to fund. It's more like a wish list. Oh, and there's a new committee for you fans of new bureaucracy. Of course, it has something for everyone, but what tiny percent of your sales tax will go to your favorite cause?

So, your ½ percent additional tax on transactions excluding property or fuel is supposed to fund:

- (a) Stopping the Tijuana River toxic sewage flows (not sure about the air);
- (b) Funding first-responders and essential public safety services;
- (c) Adding firefighters, boosting wildfire preparedness, upgrading equipment;
- (d) Maintaining affordable healthcare for San Diego County residents at risk;
- (e) Supporting local hospitals, clinics, and essential (only?) workers;
- (f) Protecting children, seniors and families from hunger by boosting SNAP;
- (g) Providing childcare, physical and mental health services for SD County children;
- (h) Protecting taxpayers with complete public disclosure of all spending;

Quite a list, and good luck on the politicians actually ratting themselves out.

The taxes will be put into the Protect San Diego County's Health and Safety Fund and shall be used solely to finance essential County services and to maintain and improve the quality of lives of County residents. Kinda nebulous.

Another thing about the proposed ordinance is that it sets limits on what percentage of the tax may be used for what project, so it's not real flexible if there's a sudden need.

At least the title says "Initiative Petition," which is what it is.

But don't expect miracles here.

Regards,

Paul Henkin