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FACT SHEET

'LOANED EXECUTIVE' PROGRAM PROVIDES CITY WITH INVALUABLE EXPERIENCE AT NO COST

AIRPORT AUTHORITY'S LENDING OF TED SEXTON A 'BEST PRACTICE' FOCUSED ON OVERALL CITY AIRPORTS PLANNING

In late March of this year, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority entered into a services agreement with the City of San Diego to lend the City the services of Authority vice president Ted Sexton for 6 months from April 1 – September 30, 2007.

The City owns and operates two airports: Brown and Montgomery Fields. Mr. Sexton was brought on board, at no charge to the City, to help the City determine how these airports could be operated more effectively and whether or not the City should be in the airport business at all. Mr. Sexton's responsibilities while at the City are clearly articulated in agreement between the agreement and the City. Mr. Sexton was not brought on board to manage the Sunroad building issue.

- 'Loaned executive' programs are considered a best practice in the public sector. Traditionally they involve the lending of a highly experienced employee that the receiving agency could not otherwise hire. Their service is for a limited period of time or specific project.

This is the case in this situation. The City is receiving Mr. Sexton's services for free. Were it not for this agreement, the City would not be able to afford his services. Mr. Sexton possesses decades of experience in airport planning and will lend immeasurable assistance to the City in planning the future of its airports operations.

The City has had three loaned executives since Mayor Sanders took office: Rich Haas from San Diego County, who eventually joined the City; Tony Heinrichs from the Port Authority; and Mr. Sexton. The City received all of their services for free.

- The services agreement does NOT require the City Attorney's review or approval. The City is receiving the services of Mr. Sexton for free.
- The City Attorney was aware of this agreement and had no opinion on the issue until today.

On April 11, 2007, the Airport Authority's chairman, Alan Bersin, appears before the Rules Committee of the City Council and discussed the 'loaned executive' agreement. Deputy City Attorney Catherine Bradley at the meeting representing Mr. Aguirre and said nothing. No documents objecting to the loan have been received from the City Attorney's office to date.

Attachments: Services Agreement between City and Authority
Letter from Authority to City