

October 23, 2014

Mr. Cory Briggs
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Dear Mr. Briggs,

The Downtown San Diego Partnership and San Diegans for Open Government agree that upon full execution of the "Settlement Agreement and Release" and the filing of the dismissals called for therein, respecting the resolution of the DSDP Case and related matters, the statement attached hereto as "Exhibit A" will be immediately issued by both parties.

Agreed:



Kris Michell
President & CEO
Downtown San Diego Partnership




Pedro Quiroz, Jr., Board Chair
San Diegans for Open Government

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Cory J. Briggs, Attorney for SDOG


Michael G. Colantuono, Attorney for DSDP

Attachment A to the Letter Agreement of October 23, 2014

The Downtown San Diego Partnership and San Diegans for Open Government (SDOG) announced today that together they have reached an agreement establishing best practices and principles for the management of the Partnership's Property and Business Improvement District known as "Clean & Safe."

The Clean & Safe program, which is funded by downtown property owners, has been a vital part of Downtown for 14 years, providing safety, maintenance, beautification and homeless outreach services.

The agreed-upon best practices are part of a larger settlement between the Partnership and SDOG to settle all lawsuits regarding the Clean & Safe program and provide a template for other property-based improvement districts to ensure transparency and accountability.

Kris Michell, president and CEO of the Downtown San Diego Partnership, said the agreement was the result of a lengthy dialogue about how to create assessment districts that best serve property owners.

"When we started talking, we realized that we share many of the same values about how government should operate and about how public funds should be handled," Michell said. "We saw this as an opportunity to take advantage of San Diegans for Open Government's expertise and its years of experience in advocating for San Diego residents on good-governance and public-finance issues."

Under the settlement, the Partnership and SDOG have agreed that outside revenue sources will cover costs for programs that don't specifically benefit downtown property owners. In addition, the Partnership will be taking steps to improve the program's transparency, accountability and responsiveness for downtown property owners as well as for all San Diegans.

Cory Briggs, SDOG's attorney, praised the Partnership for its willingness to work collaboratively on an agreement that will improve the Clean & Safe program and help improve other similar programs.

"The Partnership and SDOG agree that providing increased transparency and accountability in how the Clean & Safe program is funded and operated is good for residents and taxpayers as well as for the Partnership. With everyone in a position to fully understand the program and also be able to provide timely feedback, Clean & Safe will only improve over time and become an even better deal for the city's residents and taxpayers."