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## **District 6 Candidate Tommy Hough Sends Letter to Mayor, Council, Encouraging Rejection of Proposed Ash Street Settlement**

SAN DIEGO – San Diego City Council District 6 candidate Tommy Hough is the latest San Diegan to voice his opposition to the proposed 101 Ash Street settlement, which San Diego City Council is set to vote on this Tuesday.

In his letter, Hough said the city was scammed into buying an “asbestos time bomb” with the purchase of the 101 Ash Street facility from Sempra Energy and a Cisterra Development intermediary in 2016.

In particular, Hough noted his concern that the lion’s share of the proposed \$86 million dollar settlement would, according to a Jeff McDonald piece in the July 10th edition of the San Diego Union-Tribune, come “from dozens of already-budgeted projects like street paving, flood control and improvements to city parks.” According to Hough, the settlement paints a target on the back of the long-promised and long-awaited reconstruction of Gold Coast Dr. and Parkdale Ave. in Mira Mesa.

“Taxpayers, especially those in District 6 who have been pleading with the city to restore our infrastructure and broken streets,” said Hough, “will not be happy to see monies earmarked for already-budgeted road projects, like the one to rebuild Gold Coast and Parkdale, used instead by the administration to help pay for the Ash Street settlement.”

Hough added, “The city should fight for taxpayers to get their money back,” and noted that the council should reject the proposed Ash Street settlement “based on the legal analysis from the city’s lawyer,” and that the city should “proceed with an independent state or federal investigation to, at last, get to the bottom of the scandal and its monumental waste of money.”

A scanned version of the letter is included in the same e-mail that this PDF file was included in.

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