

“you are a still a corrupt organization that cannot be trusted” **...Open Letter To The SEDC**

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SEDC (Southeastern Economic Development Corporation)
404 Euclid Ave., Suite 221
San Diego, CA. 92114



Dear Mr. Jerry Groomes, president

On behalf of the Save Our Barrios Coalition, a grassroots organization working for the revitalization of Logan Heights please accept this letter in advisement that the Communities you have identified as Greater Logan Heights (Sherman Heights, Grant Hill Park, Stockton, Memorial, and Logan Heights) adamantly and vehemently reject any attempts by your agency (SEDC) to have our neighborhoods declared a redevelopment zone. As proposed in your 2010- 2015 Strategic Plan, “SEDC is proceeding to reinstate the previously directed territorial expansion of the Dells Imperial Study Area...” (pg. 9); regardless of the “opt-in” initiative that SEDC is using to entice residents and community advocacy groups, we reiterate and continue to publicly refuse the incorporation of our communities, our tax monies, and any urban and development planning responsibilities from belonging or forming part of your self appointed area of influence or jurisdiction.

The residents of these communities have not received any notice of a blight study, or any other studies conducted in these communities. Furthermore, SEDC and its representatives continue to manipulate the City’s planning and redevelopment apparatus to take advantage of poor and uniformed residents and property owners. Sherman Heights, Grant Hill Park, Stockton, Memorial, and Logan Heights community representatives and residents have collectively voiced their rejection of SEDC in several community forums (Sherman Heights Community Forum Sept 2010 and in Logan Heights “Congreso de Barrios” Jan 2011). Community residents, grassroots organizations, and neighborhood councils have endorsed our collective rejection. SEDC’s continuing efforts to incorporate our communities are an insulting move that is also dismissive our public collective will and an infringement on our rights.

Be furthermore advised that the history of what is occurring is being documented and passed to civil and property rights advocates across the country. Your lack of respect for the law regarding public notification, history of corruption, disdain for the democratic process at town hall meetings, and inappropriate use of tax payer money to continually promote a rejected agenda, illustrates that you are still a corrupt organization that cannot be trusted, and must be rejected in every community until you are put out of business and brought to justice under the law.

We hereby demand that you immediately cease all efforts to incorporate any of the communities in the Greater Logan Heights area. If you should have any questions regarding this letter please feel free to contact through email at: saveourbarrios@yahoo.com.

Thank you,
Carlos Martell
SOBC Memorial Representative