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Dear Supervisor

We, as Voters, Taxpayers and at the very least Employees of the County of San Diego are **OUTRAGED** at your decision to award Mr. Hickey $68,000 when he chose to leave his job for what ever reason! You made this decision within weeks of requesting all other County employees to take time off without pay so the County can pay its bills. Most of the employees of San Diego County make just enough money to pay rent and put food on the table and live from one pay check to the next. (Most of us do not make more than $22,000 a year.) We cannot exist on less than that. Do you know what it is like to live from one pay check to the next, with every dollar going towards a partial payment on an outstanding bill? Have you ever known what that is like? I think not.

So you have chosen to award this money instead of save the money. (that the County apparently can not afford to pay) And then you have the audacity to ask us, the same people who have entrusted in you the job of making the best decisions for our community, the same people who work so hard just to eke out an existence, the same people who you are asking to go through the next few years with no step increases, no pay raises, and to take time off without pay and then you will ask us to pay more of our benefits. Does this make sense to you? It really doesn't make good sense to us to pay out $68,000.00 when we did not have to. Any other county employee who quits the County for what ever reason is not given a dime, much less $68,000.00. Why is this man any different? Sure he did a great job for this County and he was well paid for it too. I also do a good job for the County, as each of us do. However, what we get..... is asked to take time off without pay, so we can now pay for yet another deficit.

How can you justify this? Each of you, as Supervisors have an obligation to each taxpayer of this County. We do not believe you are living up to your obligations. Do you think that the taxpayers of this County are blind? We say we are not. The very next thing you will want to do is to vote yourself another raise. This decision along with granting a pay raise for Mr Hickey's replacement, Mr. Jansen of not 5%, like any other county employee, but TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!!! All this, when no other county employee is getting anything.

We will remember you when it's time to vote again. You should really think about what you have done and remember it when you are looking for work.

Sincerely,

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