

# Jim Desmond (CA-48) Research Report

## Significant Findings

### **Desmond Supported Reckless Policies That Increased The Cost Of Living, Like The Iran War And Trump's Tariffs, While Criticizing High Gas Prices**

- ✓ Desmond supported the Iran war even as he acknowledged gas prices would increase because of it, saying "no pain no gain."
- ✓ February 2025: Desmond expressed support for Trump's tariffs, which cost families thousands of dollars a year and hurt California small businesses.
- ✓ 2022-2026: Desmond often discussed California's high cost of living and criticized high gas prices.

### **As Mayor And County Supervisor, Desmond Drew Legal Complaints And Public Criticism For His Alleged Conflicts Of Interest And Cozy Relationships With Developers And Big Business**

- ✓ 2024: California's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) opened investigations into Desmond while he was a county supervisor over allegations of conflict of interest including one related to his work opposing a ballot measure to raise the sales tax to pay for road repairs.
- ✓ 2019: As county supervisor, Desmond tried to change the language of an anti-growth ballot measure to make it easier to defeat at the behest of the Building Industry Association (BIA) and reportedly lied about BIA's involvement.
- ✓ 2019: As supervisor, Desmond drew criticism for being "too cozy with developers."
- ✓ 2018: As mayor, Desmond drew a campaign finance complaint after voting for two housing projects around the same time he took campaign cash from donors associated with each respective project.
- ✓ 2014: San Marcos residents accused Desmond of bending to pressure from AT&T when as mayor, he opposed a proposed ordinance to prevent cell tower farms.
- ✓ 2018-2020: Desmond told voters he would oppose the Lilac Hills Ranch Project unless it had emergency access infrastructure, but later voted to keep the project alive despite opposition from the county fire chief.

### **Desmond Routinely Voted Against Pro-Union Efforts, Including Against Minimum Wage Standards, Worker Safety, And A Project Labor Agreement**

- ✓ 2023: Desmond voted against requiring privately-funded projects to pay traffic control workers a minimum wage but later voted for the same ordinance.
- ✓ 2023: Desmond cast the lone vote against reviewing a contract for janitorial workers who described mistreatment and unfair working conditions.
- ✓ 2022: Desmond was the only county supervisor to vote twice against ordinances to improve contractor transparency, which local labor unions supported.
- ✓ 2022: Desmond cast the lone vote against sick leave and a wage floor for all employees working on county-owned property.
- ✓ 2021: Desmond cast the lone vote against creating a county Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement which would protect pay and safety standards.
- ✓ 2019: Desmond voted against a project labor agreement with local unions for an airport construction project, calling it "discrimination," despite being a union member himself.

### **Desmond Liked To Live The High Life, Spending More Than \$200,000 In Taxpayer Funds To Remodel His Offices And Voting Against Capping His Own Hotel Reimbursements**

- ✓ 2019: Desmond spent more than \$200,000 in taxpayer funds to remodel his offices, far exceeding the expenses of other supervisors, which drew criticism of his self-styled fiscal conservatism.
- ✓ 2019: Desmond budgeted \$240,000 to remodel and renovate his downtown and district offices in his first five months in office.
- ✓ Desmond's \$240,000 budget far exceeded what other county supervisors spent on office improvements.
- ✓ The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board, which previously endorsed Desmond for supervisor, criticized him for running up his renovation budget.
- ✓ 2009: As an Airport Authority Board member, Desmond cast the lone vote against capping reimbursements for board members' meals and hotel stays and argued business class flights were important.

### **Desmond Supported Ending Birthright Citizenship And Had A History Of Fearmongering About Immigrants**

- ✓ 2026: Local news reported Desmond supported ending birthright citizenship.
- ✓ Desmond had a history of disparaging immigrants, making false claims about immigrants, and reposting extreme anti-immigrant content from far-right outlets.
- ✓ Desmond cozied up to Trump administration officials and their allies to drum up fear about the border.

### **Desmond Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Threatened Food Assistance For More Than 5.3 Million California Residents While Adding \$3.4 Trillion To The National Debt And Slashing Taxes For Multimillionaires Like Himself**

- ✓ 2026: Desmond supported the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in history, threatening food assistance for more than 25,000 households in CA-48.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was projected to cut more than \$44 million in revenue to hospitals in CA-48.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill would add \$3.4 trillion to the national debt.
- ✓ Desmond was a multimillionaire and the One Big Beautiful Bill gave billions in tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy at the expense of working families.
- ✓ 2025: Desmond reported a net worth of up to about \$21 million.

### **Desmond Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Projected To Kick More Than 2.2 Million California Residents Off Their Health Insurance, And Voted Multiple Times Against Protecting Health Services In San Diego County**

- ✓ Desmond supported the One Big Beautiful Bill and downplayed concerns about new requirements for Medicaid.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, slashing local hospital revenue, and was projected to kick more than 2.2 million people in California off their health insurance.

- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill let ACA tax credits expire, driving up health care costs for more than 1.9 million individuals in California on marketplace plans.
- ✓ 2025-2026: Desmond voted multiple times against protecting health services in light of the One Big Beautiful Bill, including voting against warning San Diego county residents about potential funding cuts to Medi-Cal.

**Desmond Skipped A Board Of Supervisors Meeting About Behavioral Health To Go On A Fox Show Even Though He Frequently Said Mental Health Was A Priority**

- ✓ March 2025: Desmond skipped a special meeting of the board of supervisors where the board received behavioral health and substance use recommendations to appear on a Fox show.
- ✓ Desmond frequently mentioned mental health in discussions about other issues, including homelessness and gun violence.

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**Desmond Supported The Iran War Even As He Acknowledged Gas Prices Would Increase Because Of It, Saying “No Pain No Gain”**

**April 2026: Desmond Said He Supported Trump’s Effort To “Take On Iran”**

**Speaking To The San Diego Union-Tribune, Desmond Said Of Trump, “I Support The Fact That Somebody Had To Step Up And Take On Iran.”** “Despite the district’s newly Democratic tilt, Desmond isn’t shying away from his support for Trump. In an interview with The San Diego Union-Tribune, he endorsed some of Trump’s more controversial efforts — including ending birthright citizenship. ‘I support the fact that he shut down the border. I support the fact that he’s trying to lower taxes. I support the fact that somebody had to step up and take on Iran,’ he said, though he noted Trump has ‘a different style than I do in dealing with issues.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/5/26](#)]

**Speaking On The Mark Larson Show, Desmond Said “Iran Has Been A Pain In The Back Side, You Know, For The Planet For The Last 47 Years And I’m Glad, You Know, The President Stood Up To That And Said, Hey, We’re Not Going To Put Up With That Anymore.”** DESMOND: “Well, I’m really glad to hear that the ceasefire has been declared. Hopefully, you know, the other side keeps their promises on that. But I think we all kind of, you know, breathed a sigh of relief. You know, the fact that nobody wants to see some civilization being wiped out. But you know, Iran has been a pain in the back side, you know, for the planet for the last 47 years. And I’m glad, you know, the president stood up to that and said, hey, we’re not going to put up with that anymore. And you cannot have absolutely not any nuclear weapons. And I think that’s the line in the sand that we got to keep. And I’m glad to hear that, as I’m sure everybody is, okay, is the sigh of relief that there’s opportunity for talks and hopefully a deal can be made.” [Mark Larson Show, 9:15, [4/7/26](#)] (AUDIO)

**March 2026: In Discussing The Effect Of The Iran War On Oil Prices, Desmond Said, “No Pain No Gain”**

**VIDEO: March 2026: In Discussing The Effect Of The War In Iran On Oil Prices, Desmond Said, “No Pain No Gain.”** HOST: “So we’ve got combat operations, not war right, combat operations, in Iran. They’re in their second week now. President Trump has warned that the Supreme Leader’s not going to last long. It’s not an idle threat. I’m curious to get your take on the situation right now because we’ve seen oil at over \$100 a barrel and possibly climbing even higher. Good morning.” DESMOND: “Well good morning and it’s 72 and sunny in San Diego today again. But anyway, we have to, we have to not let Iran get a nuclear weapon. I mean we gotta keep our eye on the prize and why we’re here and why we’re doing this. Despite every Congress member would tell you, they do not want to have Iran to have a nuclear weapon, so we have to stop that. And this war didn’t just start a

week ago or two weeks ago. It started 47 years ago when they took over our embassy and held Americans hostage for over a year, and it's just been escalating time after time and we're at the point where thank god we're trying to take their nuclear capability out. We've got very focused, we've got very targeted assets that we're trying to keep. We're not bombing civilians. And this new Ayatollah that has come in, I agree is very weak, hasn't been that charismatic, I don't think he's got the will of the people. You know, Iranians want freedom. Iranians, you know, do not want to be under these, under these thumb of these regimes. And I think, you know no pain no gain. So it's unfortunate that oil prices are going up, but I do believe this is a spike. And President Trump is right. Once we are able to get rid of their nuclear capabilities, oil prices will come down again." [Real America's Voice, 08:10, [3/9/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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**VIDEO: Desmond: "We've Seen Our Gas Prices Have Been 4.50 And Above, And That's Where We Started. Now We're Going Up Because Of The Spike Here, Because Of The War."** DESMOND: "But unfortunately the state of California is not the example for the rest of the country. Our homeless numbers are up. We've got just as much fraud and abuse as Minnesota does. We've seen our gas prices have been 4.50 and above, and that's where we started. Now we're going up because of the spike here, because of the war. There's just way too much government regulation. People and companies are leaving California." [Real America's Voice, 13:13, [3/9/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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**Desmond Said Gas Prices Would Increase Because Of The War But Promised They Would Go Down After "This Iran Issue [...] Goes Away"**

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**AUDIO: Desmond Said Of Gas Prices Spiking Due To The Iran War, "It's Going To Go Away Once The, You Know, This Iran Issue, You Know, Goes Away."** DESMOND: "Well, and, you know, despite this happening now, it's going to go away once the, you know, this Iran issue, you know, goes away. So, you know what my colleagues, you know, don't talk about is the fact that in California, our gas prices are like \$2 higher than any other places in the country. If you've driven, you're going to Arizona, it's a couple bucks cheaper. And in Nevada and other places. And we've been, you know, doing this to ourselves and now it's, you know, bloody murder when the president's actions, you know, causes the gas prices to go up, when we just allowed it to happen in California. And we see even with our car registration fees and things like that, they keep taxing and taxing our automobiles. And you're right, they're trying to get us out of our cars into bicycles, which just isn't practical. But, you know, this spike, I think, is going to be going away. But the we've had these high gas prices for years. But, yes, we do need more energy, especially with these new AI sources, you know, popping up here and there. They're drawing a lot of energy. You know, we've got to be able to use, you know, other means and get nuclear back up on line, if we could do it safely." [Mark Larson Show, 2:03, [4/7/26](#)] (AUDIO)

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## May 2026: The Iran War Led To Higher Gas Prices With Californians Paying \$1.50 More Per Gallon Since The War Began

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**NBC News: “The Iran War Has Led To Higher Prices At The Gas Pump.”** “The Iran war has led to higher prices at the gas pump. Gas prices in the United States, up by 50% since the U.S. and Israel launched the war, have soared as the global oil supply constricts.” [NBC News, [5/22/26](#)]

**As Of May 22, 2026, The Price Of A Gallon Of Gas In California Increased By \$1.50 Since The Iran War Began.** [NBC News, [5/22/26](#)]

State ↕	Latest price (per gallon)	Change since the Iran war began (per gallon)
Alabama	\$4.17	+\$1.52 (157.2%)
Alaska	\$5.28	+\$1.69 (146.9%)
Arizona	\$4.80	+\$1.53 (146.9%)
Arkansas	\$4.11	+\$1.56 (161.1%)
California	\$6.13	+\$1.50 (132.4%)

[NBC News, [5/22/26](#)]

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## February 2025: Desmond Expressed Support For Trump’s Tariffs, Which Cost Families Thousands Of Dollars A Year And Hurt California Small Businesses

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**February 2025: Desmond: “As You Hear Talk About Tariffs In The Coming Days, Remember: Buying American Means Standing With Our Farmers.”** “California farmers are being squeezed from all sides—rising costs, water restrictions, and being undercut by cheap Mexican imports. We grow 90% of the nation’s avocados, yet our farmers can’t compete with cheaper goods coming from Mexico. As you hear talk about tariffs in the coming days, remember: Buying American means standing with our farmers.” [Jim Desmond, Facebook, [2/3/25](#)]



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## March 2026: Desmond Voted Against His Own Proposal For First-Time Homebuyers After Another Supervisor Added Language Opposing Trump’s Tariffs For Contributing To Rising Housing Costs

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### March 2026: Desmond Introduced A Measure To Assess A Pilot Program For First-Time Homebuyers

**March 2026: Desmond Introduced A Measure Directing County Staff To Assess How A Pilot Program Aimed At Assisting First-Time Homebuyers Would Benefit New Homebuyers In The Unincorporated Area.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 Wednesday in favor of a pilot program aimed at assisting first-time homebuyers, but the original sponsor voted no over what he considered to be an unnecessary political statement added to the proposal. Supervisor Jim Desmond's original measure directed Chief Administrative Officer

Ebony Shelton's office to assess how the program would benefit new homebuyers in the unincorporated area.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

- **The Analysis Would Cover Potential Down Payment Assistance, Interest Rate Options, And A Cost Estimate.** “That analysis would cover: • opportunities for public-private partnerships, including financial institutions as a way to secure better terms for applicants • potential down payment assistance • interest rate options to improve mortgage affordability • criteria designed to complement two existing programs that help with down payment and closing costs, and down payments for moderate-income residents • an estimate of how much the program would cost, along with safeguards and strategies to lower risk.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

**Desmond Said The Program Was “Another Step In The Right Direction.”** “Before the vote, Desmond said the program would not magically fix obstacles to home ownership ‘but was another step in the right direction.’” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

***Another Supervisor Included Language Opposing Trump Administration Policies Including Tariffs And Military Action Against Iran That She Said Contributed To Rising Housing Costs***

**Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer Added Language Formally Opposing Trump Administration Policies That She Said Contributed To Rising Housing Costs, Including Tariffs And Military Action Against Iran.**

“However, board Chair Terra Lawson-Remer wanted to add language formally opposing Trump administration policies that she said have contributed to rising housing costs, including tariffs on construction materials and the joint U.S. and Israeli military action against Iran.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

***Desmond Criticized The Additions By The Other Supervisor As Trying To “Score Points”***

**Desmond Described The Additions As A Poison Pill.** “Desmond described the political statement as a poison pill. ‘I’m gonna be voting against my own item,’ Desmond said.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

**Desmond Said His Colleagues Used His Resolution “To Score Points.”** “In an emailed statement to City News Service, Desmond said that while his original proposal was about helping families, ‘they used it to score points.’ ‘I wasn’t going to let my name be attached to something that no longer reflected its original purpose,’ he added.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

- **Supervisor Paloma Aguirre Said Americans Were Experiencing The Effect Of The President’s Policies.** “Based on a suggestion by Supervisor Paloma Aguirre, the proposal also directs Shelton and her team to analyze ‘the impact of geopolitical conflicts and tariffs on inflation, energy costs, construction costs and local housing,’ according to the recommendation, which was shown on a slide. The CAO will report back in 90 days with analysis. [...] ‘Just put up, ‘I hate Trump’ in the proposal, Desmond complained before the vote. Aguirre responded that Americans are experiencing the effect of the president's policies. ‘I think this is factual,’ she said.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

**Desmond: “Every Angst You’ve Had Against The Administration, This All Comes Up Unfortunately, When We’re Just Trying To Do Simple Things Here In Our Own Community.”** “Desmond described the political statement as a poison pill. ‘I’m gonna be voting against my own item,’ Desmond said. ‘This is why nothing gets done, this is why housing doesn’t get built,’ he told his colleagues. ‘Every angst you’ve had against the administration, this all comes up unfortunately, when we’re just trying to do simple things here in our own community. We just need to get more young people and families into housing.’ ‘Just put up, ‘I hate Trump’ in the proposal, Desmond complained before the vote.” [NBC 7, [3/25/26](#)]

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### **The Average U.S. Household Was Projected To Lose \$1,751 Due To Tariffs And San Diego Households Were Estimated To Pay Even More**

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**January 2026: Yale Budget Lab: The Average U.S. Household Lost \$1,751 Due To Tariffs.** “Overall Price Level & Distributional Effects: TBL assumes the Federal Reserve ‘looks through’ the tariffs and allows prices to rise such that the tax burden is felt through prices rather than nominal incomes. With the Greenland tariffs, price level would rise by 1.3% in the short run, representing a loss of \$1,751 for the average household and \$964 for households at the bottom of the income distribution. This is marginally higher than the 1.2% price increase without the Greenland tariffs.” [Yale Budget Lab, State of U.S. Tariffs, [1/19/26](#)]

**2025: San Diego Households Were Expected To Pay Nearly \$2,400 More That Year Due To Tariffs.** “Two members of the San Diego congressional delegation said in a press conference Wednesday that President Donald Trump’s tariffs will impact the average San Diego household – and not in a big, beautiful way. Representatives Scott Peters and Sara Jacobs said local households can expect to absorb a nearly \$2,400 hit this year due to higher costs as tariffs are assessed on foreign goods.” [Times of San Diego, [8/13/25](#)]

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### **Tariffs Hurt California Small Businesses**

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**CalMatters Headline: “How Tariffs And War Are Hurting California Small Businesses.”** [CalMatters, [4/29/26](#)]

- **San Diego Area Small Businesses Reported Increased Costs And Uncertainty Due To Tariffs.** “‘It just feels like things keep getting piled on top,’ said Nichole MacDonald, owner of a San Diego business that sells women’s bags. ‘Not just for businesses, but for consumers. And what is a business without consumers?’ [...] Other small retailers in the area tell similar stories of increased costs and having to adjust to continued tariff uncertainty in the wake of the Supreme Court decision that invalidated the bulk of President Donald Trump’s wide-ranging tariffs. In some cases, such as if they imported their own goods, they might be able to apply for tariff refunds, though the timeline for receiving refunds is unclear. The president also imposed new tariffs based on a different law, against which California and other states have filed a lawsuit.” [CalMatters, [4/29/26](#)]

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### **2026: Desmond Frequently Discussed The High Cost Of Living In California, Including High Gas Prices**

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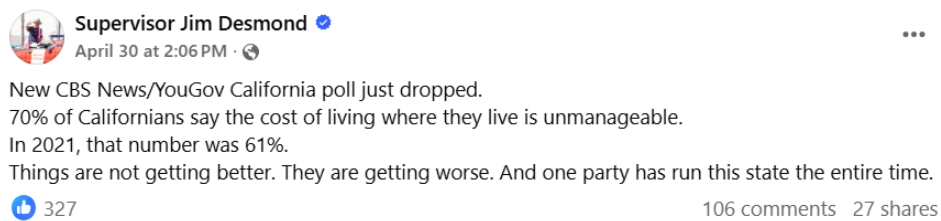
**May 2026: Desmond: “Highest Taxes In America. Highest Gas Prices. Highest Cost Of Living.”** “Same party runs the State. Same party runs the County. Same party runs the City. Same ideas. Same bills. Same results. Highest taxes in America. Highest gas prices. Highest cost of living. People leaving in record numbers.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [5/5/26](#)]



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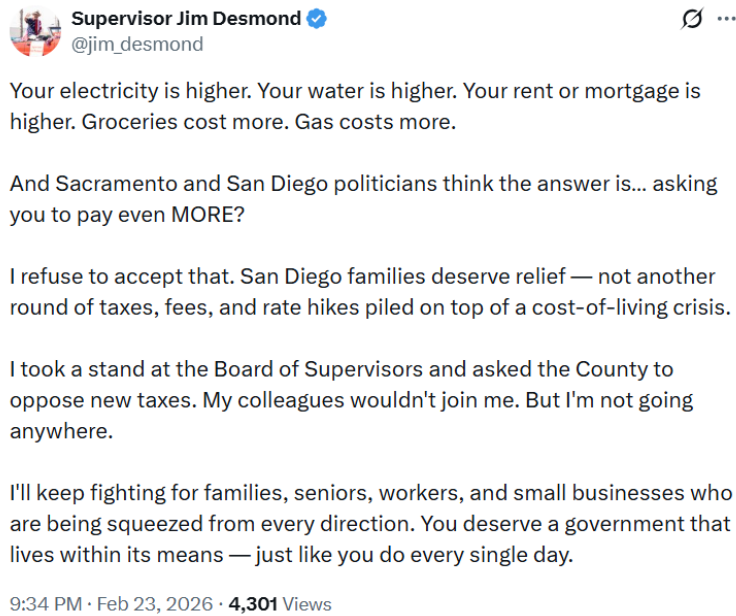
- **Desmond Blamed Democrats For The High Cost Of Living In California.** “Same party runs the State. Same party runs the County. Same party runs the City. Same ideas. Same bills. Same results. Highest taxes in America. Highest gas prices. Highest cost of living. People leaving in record numbers.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [5/5/26](#)]

**April 2026: Desmond: “70% Of Californians Say The Cost Of Living Where They Live Is Unmanageable.”** “New CBS News/YouGov California poll just dropped. 70% of Californians say the cost of living where they live is unmanageable. In 2021, that number was 61%. Things are not getting better. They are getting worse. And one party has run this state the entire time.” [Jim Desmond, Facebook, [4/30/26](#)]



[Jim Desmond, Facebook, [4/30/26](#)]

**February 2026: Desmond: “Your Electricity Is Higher. Your Water Is Higher. Your Rent Or Mortgage Is Higher. Groceries Cost More. Gas Costs More.”** “Your electricity is higher. Your water is higher. Your rent or mortgage is higher. Groceries cost more. Gas costs more. And Sacramento and San Diego politicians think the answer is... asking you to pay even MORE? I refuse to accept that. San Diego families deserve relief — not another round of taxes, fees, and rate hikes piled on top of a cost-of-living crisis. I took a stand at the Board of Supervisors and asked the County to oppose new taxes. My colleagues wouldn't join me. But I'm not going anywhere. I'll keep fighting for families, seniors, workers, and small businesses who are being squeezed from every direction. You deserve a government that lives within its means — just like you do every single day.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [2/23/26](#)]



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## 2025: Desmond Said Affordability Was “The Biggest Issue In Our Region” And Said Families Were Being Crushed By Costs

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**November 2025: Desmond Said Affordability Was “The Biggest Issue In Our Region.”** “This is the biggest issue in our region — and politicians keep making it worse. They talk about affordability while passing policies that drive prices even higher. Families pay the price every single time.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [11/20/25](#)]



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**November 2025: “Families Are Being Crushed By Costs — Health Insurance, Housing, Energy.”** “You’re absolutely right. Families are being crushed by costs — health insurance, housing, energy — and Sacramento and Washington just keep adding more rules and mandates that make it worse. I’ve met countless families who did everything right and still can’t afford basic coverage. We need competition, transparency, and accountability — not government bureaucracy driving prices higher. Allow insurance companies to sell plans across state lines to increase competition and drive down premiums. More choices mean lower costs — not government price-setting.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [11/10/25](#)]



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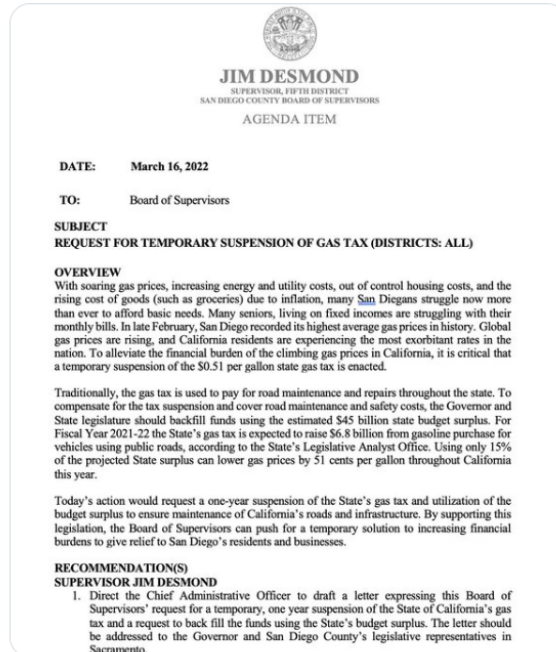
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**2019-2026: Desmond Was A San Diego County Supervisor**

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**2019-2026: Desmond Served On The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors.** “Five candidates faced off for the District 5 seat on San Diego County’s Board of Supervisors during the June primary election. The contenders are aiming to replace Jim Desmond, who has represented District 5 — which covers a large portion of North County and inland communities — since 2019.” [KUSI News, [6/3/26](#)]

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**October 2024: The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Investigated Desmond Over An Alleged Conflict Of Interest Related To His Work On The “No On G” Committee**

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**October 2024: The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Announced It Was Moving Forward With An Investigation On A Complaint Against Desmond.** “State election regulators are investigating San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond for his work related to defeating Measure G, the half-cent sales tax proposal now before local voters. In a letter released by the California Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday, commission officials confirmed they are moving forward on a complaint filed against the North County supervisor last month. The investigation, which is not expected to conclude before the general election on Tuesday, is examining conflict-of-interest allegations against Desmond related to his work on the No on G political committee.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/31/24](#)]

**The Complaint Alleged Desmond Had A Conflict Of Interest Related To His Work On The “No On G” Committee.** “The investigation, which is not expected to conclude before the general election on Tuesday, is examining conflict-of-interest allegations against Desmond related to his work on the No on G political committee. [...] The sworn complaint was filed Sept. 24 by Barbara Campbell through attorney Richard R. Rios.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/31/24](#)]

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**2024: Measure G Was A San Diego County Ballot Initiative To Raise The Sales Tax By Half A Cent To Pay For Road Repairs And Transportation**

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**2024: Measure G Was A San Diego County Ballot Initiative To Raise The Sales Tax By Half A Cent To Pay For Road Repairs, Carpool Lanes, And Expanded Bus And Rail Transportation.** “This November, all San Diego County voters will get to decide whether to raise the sales tax by half a cent to fund road and transportation improvements. Here’s what you need to know. [...] If passed, Measure G would raise the sales tax by half a cent countywide to help pay for road repairs, carpool lanes and expanding bus and rail transportation. As a citizens [*sic*] initiative, it needs approval only from a simple majority of voters to pass. If it’s approved, the county would collect the tax revenue in a special dedicated fund. A citizens committee would be appointed to oversee the spending.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/23/24](#)]

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**October 2024: Desmond’s Spokesperson Called The Investigation A “Desperate Political Stunt”**

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**October 2024: Desmond’s Spokesperson Said The Investigation Was A “Desperate Political Stunt Aimed At Diverting Attention From The Real Issue.”** “Desmond did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But his spokesperson issued a statement late Thursday calling the investigation a ‘desperate political stunt aimed at diverting attention from the real issue.’ ‘Voters don’t want to pay more taxes, they don’t trust SANDAG and a

handful of insiders are set to make millions, while everyday voters are left to bear the burden,' Desmond spokesperson Miles Himmel said by email." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/31/24](#)]

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**As Of June 2026, Desmond’s Case Was Still Pending Before The FPPC**

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**As Of June 2026, Desmond’s Case About The No On G Committee Was Still Pending Before The FPPC.** [California Fair Political Practices Commission, Case No. 2024-01101, opened [10/16/24](#)]

Case No.	Type	Status	Jurisdiction	External Parties
2024-01101	Sworn Complaint	Case Opened and Pending	Local San Diego, San Diego County	Respondents: Jim Desmond; Stop the SANDAG Tax – No on G Complainants: Barbara Campbell (contact through counsel Richard R. Rios)
Date Opened:		10/16/2024		
Date Closed:		N/A		
Violation Type:		Committee Naming Requirements		
Disposition:		N/A		
Disposition Details:		N/A		

[California Fair Political Practices Commission, Case No. 2024-01101, opened [10/16/24](#)]

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**2024: Desmond Was Also Under FPPC Investigation For Receiving A \$5,000 Contribution After He Voted To Provide Funding To A Company**

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**2024: Desmond Was Also Under FPPC Investigation For A \$5,000 Political Contribution Made By James Silverwood Of Affirmed Housing After Desmond Voted To Provide Funding To The Company.** “In a letter released by the California Fair Political Practices Commission on Thursday, commission officials confirmed they are moving forward on a complaint filed against the North County supervisor last month. The investigation, which is not expected to conclude before the general election on Tuesday, is examining conflict-of-interest allegations against Desmond related to his work on the No on G political committee. Records show the commission also is investigating a \$5,000 political contribution made by donor James Silverwood of Affirmed Housing months after Desmond cast a vote as supervisor to provide funding to the company.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/31/24](#)]

**2019: As County Supervisor, Desmond Tried To Change The Language Of An Anti-Growth Ballot Measure To Make It Easier To Defeat At The Behest Of The Building Industry Association (BIA) And Reportedly Lied About BIA’s Involvement**

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**December 2019: Desmond Added An Agenda Item For The Board Of Supervisors To Change Ballot Language For Measure, A Proposal To Require Countywide Votes For Big Developments**

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**December 10, 2019: Desmond Placed An Item On The Board Of Supervisors Agenda To Change The Ballot Language Of Measure A.** “Measure A would require countywide votes for big developments in the unincorporated parts of the county that are not now zoned for them, something the building industry says would likely put an end to such projects. On Dec. 10, the Board of Supervisors had been scheduled to consider changing the ballot language of the measure just one day before the Registrar of Voters deadline. Desmond had placed the item on the agenda saying a change was needed to better inform voters. He also told at least two people that the language change was written by his staff.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

- **Desmond’s Proposed Language Was Longer Than The Original Proposal.** “The wording of the question, as originally approved by the supervisors on Oct. 9, 2018, will remain as follows: ‘Shall this Initiative be adopted for the purpose of amending the San Diego County General Plan to require voter approval for General Plan amendments that increase residential density for property designated by the General Plan as Semi-Rural or Rural?’ Desmond had proposed the following language, only to withdraw the proposal Tuesday: ‘Shall this initiative amending the San Diego County General Plan to require a countywide vote, in addition to the current county approval process, when any General Plan amendment seeks to add 6 or more homes in rural and semi-rural areas, effective through 2038, excluding purely non-residential developments and developments in villages, located in areas such as Julian, Ramona and Alpine; to prohibit density transfers from higher to lower density parcels; and, to prohibit new Specific Plans through 2038, be adopted?’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/10/19](#)]

**2019: San Diego Union-Tribune: “Measure A Would Require Countywide Votes For Big Developments In The Unincorporated Parts Of The County That Are Not Now Zoned For Them.”** “Measure A would require countywide votes for big developments in the unincorporated parts of the county that are not now zoned for them, something the building industry says would likely put an end to such projects.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

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**Building Industry Association (BIA) Representatives Had Texted And Emailed Desmond With Proposed Ballot Language They Believed Would Make It Easier To Defeat The Measure**

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**Texts And Emails Showed Representatives Of The Building Industry Association (BIA) And Lawyers For The No On A Campaign Asked For Agenda Item And Crafted Wording Similar To What Desmond Proposed.** “But texts and emails show that it was representatives with the Building Industry Association of San Diego County who approached Desmond, and lawyers for the No on A campaign, which is funded by the building and real estate industry, who not only asked for the item to be put on the agenda, but also crafted the wording which was very similar to what Desmond ended up proposing.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

- **Measure A Supporters Obtained Texts And Emails As Part Of A Public Records Request.** “Backers of Measure A, the Save Our San Diego Countryside initiative that will be voted on in March, say a series of texts and emails obtained as part of a public records request show that Supervisor Jim Desmond was working with the building industry when he tried to change the ballot language at the last minute.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

**President Of BIA Of San Diego Borre Winckel Texted Desmond, “We Will Share A 75-Word Ballot Revision We Ask You To Share.”** “According to one text, Borre Winckel, the president and CEO of the Building Industry Association of San Diego, asked Desmond for his help. ‘The SOS ballot question, too, unless made more informative, will easily pass. Research shows that. Later today, we will share a 75-word ballot revision we ask you to share with Diane (sic) with the specific request for docketing the discussion on 12/10. It’s our only opportunity. SOS in effect takes your land use authority away. Please don’t let it come to that. Respectfully, Borre Winckel.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

**BIA Board Member Jeff O’Connor Emailed Desmond With Proposed Language For Measure A.** “Also included in the correspondence was an email from Jeff O’Connor, a member of the BIA board and director of Operations for Homefed Corp. in Carlsbad, a development firm, wrote to Desmond’s personal email on Nov. 30: ‘...I don’t want to take up your time but the issue below is extremely important. If the SOS Measure A passes in March it will effectively take land-use decision-making away from you and the other Supervisors and put it in the hands of the general public. In the County, this means anyone in Del Mar, Carlsbad, or anywhere in San Diego County will vote on projects that need an amendment to the General Plan. This is not only expensive, but land developers will not take the risk of a public vote for projects that need a GP amendment. Most developer friendly land in the current General Plan is in areas that don’t lend themselves to areas that developers wish to build on.’ ‘I have included both the language as it stands now and the proposed language. If the language does not change, it is highly doubtful that we will be able to defeat this measure and it will tie the hands of the Supervisors and let uninformed voters make land-use decisions that you and the other Supervisors were elected to do. Please read the

wording below and I can call you on Monday to discuss if you have any questions. Thank you, Jeff.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

- **O’Connor To Desmond: “If The Language Does Not Change, It Is Highly Doubtful That We Will Be Able To Defeat This Measure And It Will Tie The Hands Of The Supervisors And Let Uninformed Voters Make Land-Use Decisions.”** “Also included in the correspondence was an email from Jeff O’Connor, a member of the BIA board and director of Operations for Homefed Corp. in Carlsbad, a development firm, wrote to Desmond’s personal email on Nov. 30: [...] ‘I have included both the language as it stands now and the proposed language. If the language does not change, it is highly doubtful that we will be able to defeat this measure and it will tie the hands of the Supervisors and let uninformed voters make land-use decisions that you and the other Supervisors were elected to do. Please read the wording below and I can call you on Monday to discuss if you have any questions. Thank you, Jeff.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

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## **Desmond Reportedly Lied To Measure A Supporters About The Building Industry’s Involvement In The Proposed Language Change**

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### *Desmond Said His Staff Wrote The Changed Ballot Language...*

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### *...But Texts And Emails Showed An Active Back Channel Between BIA And Desmond...*

**December 2019: Measure A Supporters Said Desmond Was Working With The Building Industry When He Tried To Change Measure A’s Ballot Language At The Last Minute.** “Backers of Measure A, the Save Our San Diego Countryside initiative that will be voted on in March, say a series of texts and emails obtained as part of a public records request show that Supervisor Jim Desmond was working with the building industry when he tried to change the ballot language at the last minute.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

**Yes On A Supporters’ Press Release: “These Texts And Emails Show That There Is An Active And Direct Back Channel Between The BIA’s No On A Campaign And Supervisor Desmond.”** “But a news release issued Tuesday by the SOS backers said the text messages and emails were obtained by the Yes on A campaign ‘and they tell a clear story of the degree to which the Building Industry Association (BIA) holds sway over county government. ‘These texts and emails show that there is an active and direct back channel between the BIA’s No on A campaign and Supervisor Desmond, despite the fact that Yes on A volunteers were told otherwise when inquiring about the motivation of the impromptu, last minute ballot language change. They also reveal that several paid operatives were acting in a manner that could be considered lobbying even though they are not registered as lobbyists with the County.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

### *...And Measure A Supporters Said The Developers’ Attorney Wrote The Changed Language Word For Word*

**Yes On A Team Member Mark Jackson Said Desmond Told Them Repeatedly That His Staff Had Written The Altered Ballot Language, But “Evidence Shows That The Developers’ Attorney Wrote It Word For Word.”** “Mark Jackson, a member of the Yes on A team, met with Desmond just days before the language change proposal was to be heard. ‘On December 6th, Supervisor Desmond said repeatedly to our faces in person that his staff had written the altered ballot language. Evidence shows that the developers’ attorney wrote it word for word. Supervisor Desmond lied to us,’ Jackson said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

- **Jackson: “Supervisor Desmond Lied To Us.”** “Mark Jackson, a member of the Yes on A team, met with Desmond just days before the language change proposal was to be heard. ‘On December 6th, Supervisor Desmond said repeatedly to our faces in person that his staff had written the altered ballot language. Evidence

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### **Desmond's Communications Director Defended Him, Saying He Was An Independent Thinker**

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**Desmond's Communications Director Said, “We Independently Considered The Request.”** “Desmond's communications director, Miles Himmel, acknowledged that the supervisor 'got a request,' but said it was his responsibility to listen to all sides. 'We independently considered the request,' Himmel said. 'We met with both sides, worked with our County counsel and were looking to incorporate both of their languages into the measure.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

**Desmond's Office Said There Were No “Back Channels” And Desmond Was An Independent Thinker.** “Desmond's office said that there were no 'back channels' and that Desmond is an independent thinker who is open and willing to listen to various opinions as evidenced by his having met with Jackson and other SOS supporters in the days before the language change meeting was to take place.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

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### **Ultimately, County Lawyers Determined That The Deadline For Ballot Language Changes Had Passed**

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**Ultimately, County Lawyers Determined That The Deadline For Ballot Language Changes Had Passed.** “In the end, the item was withdrawn after County Counsel decided that the law surrounding when ballot questions can be changed had been misinterpreted and the deadline had already passed.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/17/19](#)]

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### **2019: As Supervisor, Desmond Drew Criticism For Being “Too Cozy With Developers”**

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#### **2019: Local News Reported That People Criticized Desmond For Being “Too Cozy With Developers”**

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**2019: San Diego Union-Tribune: Desmond “Has Drawn Criticism From Residents For Being Too Cozy With Developers.”** “Early in his tenure, Desmond's similarities with Horn have been hard to miss. The first-year supervisor has been firmly pro-development, much like his predecessor, and has worked to advance housing initiatives such as streamlining parts of the permitting process. Like Horn, he also has drawn criticism from residents for being too cozy with developers. Just last week he drew ire for allegedly working with the building industry on a failed effort to reword a ballot initiative that, if approved, would require voters to approve future large housing projects in unincorporated parts of the county.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/24/19](#)]

- **San Diego Union-Tribune: Desmond “Has Been Firmly Pro-Development.”** “Early in his tenure, Desmond's similarities with Horn have been hard to miss. The first-year supervisor has been firmly pro-development, much like his predecessor, and has worked to advance housing initiatives such as streamlining parts of the permitting process.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [12/24/19](#)]

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### **2018: As Mayor, Desmond Drew A Campaign Finance Complaint After Voting For Two Housing Projects Around The Same Time He Took Campaign Cash From Donors Associated With Each Respective Project**

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#### **2006-2018: Desmond Was Mayor Of San Marcos**

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#### **2016-2017: Desmond Voted For The San Marcos Highlands Project And Then Accepted Three Contributions From Donors Associated With The Project**

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**November 2016: Desmond Voted For The San Marcos Highlands Project, A 189-Home Development.** “The city of San Marcos has appointed outside counsel to investigate a campaign finance complaint against Mayor Jim Desmond, who is running for a seat on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. [...] On Nov. 15, 2016, Desmond joined three other council members in voting for the San Marcos Highland[s] Project, a 189-home development in the foothills of San Marcos off Las Posas Road.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

**May 2017: Desmond Received A \$550 Contribution And A \$250 Contribution From Donors Associated With The San Marcos Highlands Project.** “Seven months later, in June 2017, Desmond received a donation of \$800 from Farouk Kubba of Vista San Marcos LLC, owner of the San Marcos Highlands project, Rosvall stated. That exceeded the city’s campaign contribution limit of \$250, she said, and also posed a conflict of interest with his decision on the project. In May 2017, she said, Desmond received two contributions of \$550 and one for \$250 from donors associated with the project. Those donations were listed on Desmond’s financial disclosure form filed with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

**June 2017: Desmond Received \$800 From Farouk Kubba Of Vista San Marcos LLC, Owner Of The San Marcos Highlands Project.** “Seven months later, in June 2017, Desmond received a donation of \$800 from Farouk Kubba of Vista San Marcos LLC, owner of the San Marcos Highlands project, Rosvall stated. That exceeded the city’s campaign contribution limit of \$250, she said, and also posed a conflict of interest with his decision on the project. [...] Those donations were listed on Desmond’s financial disclosure form filed with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

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**2017-2018: Desmond Voted To Approve The Brookfield Housing Project After Accepting Three Contributions From Employees Of Firms Working On The Project**

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**October-December 2017: Desmond Received Two \$250 Contributions And One \$150 Contribution From Employees Of Firms Working On The Brookfield Housing Project.** “In October through December 2017, she alleged, Desmond accepted additional donations from employees of firms working on the Brookfield housing project off Twin Oaks Valley Road near Cal State San Marcos. That included two donations for \$250 each and one for \$150, she said. Filings with the registrar also showed those donations.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

**January 2018: Desmond Voted To Approve The Brookfield Project.** “In January of this year, Desmond voted to approve the Brookfield project, a decision that Rosvall said is at odds with city election code.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

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**May 2018: Desmond’s Votes And Donations Prompted A Local Realtor Filed A Complaint Against Desmond, Accusing Him Of “Taking Money From Developers When He Was Voting On Their Projects,” Which She Said Violated San Marcos Campaign Finance Laws**

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**May 2018: Local Realtor Ana Rosvall Filed A Complaint Alleging Desmond Accepted Campaign Contributions For Supervisor That Violated San Marcos Campaign Finance Laws.** “Ana Rosvall, a local Realtor and member of the Twin Oaks Valley Community Sponsor Group, filed the complaint with the San Marcos City Clerk, alleging that Desmond accepted campaign donations in his bid for supervisor that violate city campaign finance laws. Desmond is running for the 5th District seat that will become open when county Supervisor Bill Horn terms out this year.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

**Rosvall Complaint: “Jim Desmond Was Taking Money From Developers When He Was Voting On Their Projects.”** ““Jim Desmond was taking money from developers when he was voting on their projects,” Rosvall said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

**The Complaint Alleged Desmond Accepted Several Contributions To His Supervisorial Campaign Within A Year Of Voting On Council Matters That Directly Affected The Donors.** “Rosvall alleged that in several instances Desmond accepted donations to his supervisorial campaign within a year of voting on council matters that directly affected the donors. Those donations clash with city code that requires council members to abstain from

votes that affect their campaign donors for a year before or after receiving the contributions, she said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

- **The Complaint Also Alleged Desmond Accepted Money In Excess Of What The City Allowed.** “In addition, she said, he accepted money in excess of what the city allows. Although those donations were made toward his campaign for supervisor, Rosvall said they conflict with his responsibilities as mayor, and violate the city’s election code.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

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### **Desmond’s Campaign Denied That Desmond Violated San Marcos Laws, Saying City Laws Did Not Apply To County Candidates**

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**Desmond’s Campaign Consultant Said San Marcos Laws Did Not Apply To County Candidates.** “The city is obligated to review all election law complaints, and has retained Shawn Hagerty, an attorney with Best Best & Krieger Attorneys at Law, to investigate the charges, city spokeswoman Sarah Macdonald said. ‘The investigation will involve whether or not the contributions violated the city’s campaign contribution limitations, and will review whether or not his county campaign contributions conflict with his position on city council, per the San Marcos City Council,’ Macdonald said. Desmond’s campaign consultant, John Hoy, said the San Marcos laws apply to candidates in San Marcos elections and do not apply to county candidates.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

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### **The City Of San Marcos Appointed Outside Counsel To Investigate The Campaign Finance Complaint**

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**May 2018: The City Of San Marcos Appointed Outside Counsel To Investigate A Campaign Finance Complaint Against Mayor Desmond.** “The city of San Marcos has appointed outside counsel to investigate a campaign finance complaint against Mayor Jim Desmond, who is running for a seat on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/31/18](#)]

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### **June 2018: Attorneys Hired By The City Determined The Complaint Against Desmond Did Not Warrant An Investigation**

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**June 2018: Attorneys Hired By The City Determined The Complaint Against Desmond Was Not Cause For Investigation.** “A campaign finance complaint against county supervisorial candidate Jim Desmond is being shelved after the attorneys hired to review it determined there wasn’t cause for investigation. [...] The city appointed attorneys with the firm Best, Best & Krieger to investigate. On Friday, they issued a letter stating that they would not pursue those allegations. ‘We find that the complaint does not present probable cause to believe that a violation... has occurred,’ attorneys Gary Schons and Shawn Hagerty stated. ‘Therefore, we are closing your complaint without further action.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/3/18](#)]

**The Attorneys Said Monetary Limits On Campaigns Applied Only To Municipal Election, Not County Races.** “‘We find that the complaint does not present probable cause to believe that a violation... has occurred,’ attorneys Gary Schons and Shawn Hagerty stated. [...] Schons and Hagerty said the complaint was not valid for several reasons. They said there’s a one-year statute of limitations on such complaints, and many of the alleged violations had occurred outside that time window, or would be past that limit by election day on Tuesday. They also said that the monetary limits on campaigns apply only to municipal elections, not county races. Finally, they said there isn’t probable cause to believe that Desmond’s actions materially benefited the donors.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/3/18](#)]

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### **Upon Dismissal Of The Complaint Against Desmond, The Complainant Said, “Clearly, He’s Taking Money From Parties He Is Making Decisions On”**

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**Upon The Dismissal Of The Complaint Against Desmond, Rosvall Said, “Clearly, He’s Taking Money From Parties That He Is Making Decisions On.”** “Rosvall said she was frustrated that outside counsel dismissed the complaint on what she considers a technicality. ‘Clearly, he’s taking money from parties that he is making decisions on,’ she said. ‘It just seems to me very unfair, and it doesn’t make sense that it wouldn’t apply to these

other elections, as well.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/3/18](#)]

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**2014: San Marcos Residents Accused Desmond Of Bending To Pressure From AT&T When As Mayor, He Opposed A Proposed Ordinance To Prevent Cell Tower Farms**

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**2014: San Marcos Residents Criticized City Council For Backing Away From A Proposed Ordinance To Prevent Cell Tower Farms**

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**2006-2018: Desmond Was Mayor Of San Marcos.** “Desmond was a member of the San Marcos City Council from 2004 to 2006 and the city’s mayor from 2006-18.” [Times of San Diego, [7/29/25](#)]

- **In San Marcos, The Mayor Sat As A Member Of City Council.** “(b) The Governing Board of the City of San Marcos is the City Council consisting of the Mayor and four Councilmembers.” [San Marcos Municipal Code, Chapter 2.08 - City Council, accessed [5/22/26](#)]

**2014: San Marcos Residents Criticized City Council For Backing Away From A Proposed Cell Tower Ordinance.** “San Marcos leaders are backing away from a proposed cell tower ordinance that would be among the county’s strictest, saying the new law would be inflexible and might go too far. Residents who’ve spent several months lobbying for the new law are criticizing last week’s retreat by the City Council, saying the ordinance is needed to prevent ‘cell tower farms’ from dominating the city’s hillsides. The residents also said the council appeared to be bowing to pressure from telecommunications companies, but council members disputed that.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

- **The Proposed Ordinance Would Prevent “Cell Tower Farms.”** “San Marcos leaders are backing away from a proposed cell tower ordinance that would be among the county’s strictest, saying the new law would be inflexible and might go too far. Residents who’ve spent several months lobbying for the new law are criticizing last week’s retreat by the City Council, saying the ordinance is needed to prevent ‘cell tower farms’ from dominating the city’s hillsides.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

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**Desmond Criticized The Proposed Ordinance And Called It “Overreaching”**

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**Desmond Criticized The Proposed Ordinance, Calling It “Overreaching” And Saying There Might Be Instances Where It Would Be Better To Have Multiple Cell Towers Together.** “The council voted unanimously last week to put a moratorium on new cell tower permits while the proposed ordinance is rewritten to be less restrictive. Council members said city staffers got carried away based on unclear direction in October, when resident complaints prompted the council to ask for a new law to prevent large groups of antennas from being erected in conspicuous clusters. ‘It’s overreaching,’ Mayor Jim Desmond said of the proposed 35-page law. ‘There are a few things in this particular ordinance I can’t support.’ He criticized the ordinance for requiring that all cell towers be at least 1,000 feet apart, saying there might be instances where it would be better aesthetically to have multiple towers together instead of spread out.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

**Desmond Said He Wanted To Prevent “Eyesore” Clusters Of Cell Towers, But “We Don’t Want To Be Too Restrictive.”** “Desmond also complained that the ordinance would limit cell towers to one per property, regardless of acreage, unless a cell phone company could prove a second antenna was required for coverage purposes. And in those instances, the maximum per property would be two antennas. [...] The mayor said he still wants to prevent the ‘eyesore’ clusters residents oppose, but that the new law must be more flexible. ‘We don’t want to be too restrictive, but we don’t want to have unsightly things happening either,’ he said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

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**Residents Suggested Mayor Desmond Changed His Position After Lobbying From AT&T, Which He Denied**

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**Residents Who Lived Beneath A Hillside Property Where Multiple Antennas Were Proposed Suggested Mayor Desmond Changed His Position After Lobbying From AT&T.** “An AT&T spokesman said in December

that the company was eager to work with the city on revisions because ‘one-size-fits-all’ regulations tend to have negative repercussions on the needs of the community. The residents, who live in southern San Marcos beneath a hillside property where multiple antennas have been proposed, suggested that Mayor Desmond changed his position after lobbying from the company. ‘AT&T has obviously gotten to you,’ said John Signorino, leader of the resident group.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

- **Resident Group Leader John Signorino: “AT&T Has Obviously Gotten To You.”** “‘AT&T has obviously gotten to you,’ said John Signorino, leader of the resident group.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

**Desmond Denied Talking To AT&T.** “But Desmond said he hadn’t talked to AT&T and that he simply wanted to make sure the city gets the new law right. Residents called the council’s move a ‘betrayal’ and ‘a 180-degree switch.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/20/14](#)]

**2018-2020: Desmond Told Voters He Would Oppose The Lilac Hills Ranch Project Unless It Had Emergency Access Infrastructure, But Later Voted To Keep The Project Alive Despite Opposition From The County Fire Chief**

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### **2005-2018: The Lilac Hills Project Was Proposed And Rejected Multiple Times**

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#### ***2005: Developers Proposed The Lilac Hills Project***

**2005: Lilac Hills Was First Proposed.** “Lilac Hills was first proposed in 2005. In 2009, county planners rejected the project, saying it was out of step with the county's plan to concentrate housing development in village areas, rather than maintaining the county's patterns of sprawl.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

#### ***2009: County Planners Rejected Lilac Hills, Saying It Was Out Of Step With The County’s Plan To Avoid Sprawl***

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#### ***2016: Voters Rejected Lilac Hills By A Wide Margin***

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#### ***2018: The Planning Commission Held A Hearing On Proposed Changes To The Lilac Hills Ranch Project***

**2018: The Planning Commission Held A Hearing On Changes To The Proposed Lilac Hills Ranch Project.** “NOTICE REGARDING LILAC HILLS RANCH PLANNING COMMISSION JUNE 8, 2018 HEARING: The Planning Commission hearing on the Lilac Hills Ranch project this Friday, June 8 is to consider whether the changes to the proposed project, which have occurred since the Planning Commission’s recommendation on September 11, 2015, are considered ‘substantial modifications’ requiring additional review and recommendation by the Planning Commission, as outlined by California Government Code Section 65356. The hearing on this item is limited to consideration of this issue. Public testimony will be limited to the changes that have occurred to the

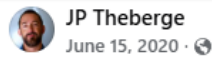
proposed project since the Planning Commission's recommendation on September 11, 2015." [San Diego County, Planning & Development Services, Lilac Hills Ranch Recirculation, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

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**2018: Desmond Said He Would Not Support The Lilac Hills Ranch Project Unless It Had Infrastructure For Emergency Access**

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**2020: San Diego County Resident JP Theberge Posted A Video He Said Showed Desmond During His Campaign For Supervisor.** [JP Theberge, Facebook, [6/15/20](#)]



The Lilac Hills Ranch project has resurfaced again and is heading to the Board of Supervisors on June 24th. The "new and improved" project hasn't changed much since 730,000 voters voted it down (by a 2 to 1 margin) in the 2016 election (Measure B). The developer spent over \$5 million trying to convince voters to support this hazardous and environmentally unsound project. Located in rural Valley Center, the project would place over 1,700 homes and over 5000 residents smack in the middle of the most fire-prone landscapes in California, served by a narrow, winding two lane country road. The advertising touted it as a solution to our affordable housing crisis. But high end, market rate housing in an area of scrub brush that has burned repeatedly over the years is the opposite of that and voters saw right through it. Having lost 20,000 homes in California in the past few years to wildfire, solutions to the affordable housing crisis shouldn't include \$700,000 homes in areas where they are likely to burn down over and over again.

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My supervisor, [Jim Desmond](#) will likely be the deciding vote, which requires 3 votes to approve or deny the project since it contradicts many of the principles engrained in the General Plan of San Diego County, requiring a General Plan Amendment. This time around, in an unprecedented move, County planning staff AND the County Fire Authority, Chief Tony Mecham are strongly RECOMMENDING DENIAL. And I applaud them for taking a stand for public safety rather than the narrow interests of private equity and developer pocket books. I am hopeful that [Supervisor Jim Desmond](#) will make the right choice. During his campaign for Supervisor he told a packed auditorium in Valley Center that he would only vote for Lilac Hills if it provided the proper infrastructure for fire safety and evacuation and received the blessing of the fire chief. I urge you to listen to your constituents (80% of those in D5 voted against Lilac Hills in 2016) as well as your fire safety officials and vote for a full denial of Lilac Hills Ranch.

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To my friends who voted for Supervisor Desmond (and even if you didn't), please send him a note, tag him and let him know how you feel about Lilac Hills. You can also call or email his office at [jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.desmond@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 619-531-5555.



[JP Theberge, Facebook, [6/15/20](#)]

**2018: VIDEO: Desmond Told The Audience At A Candidate Forum That He Would Not Support The Lilac Hills Ranch Project “Unless It Has The Infrastructure That’s Necessary For Their Emergency Access.”**

DESMOND: “Project on Lilac Hills Ranch. And unless it– unless it– and I don’t know, is it out there yet? I haven’t seen–” [Audience commotion] DESMOND: “It’s one of the bundled ones, okay. I have not seen it yet to be honest. Unless it has the infrastructure that’s necessary for their emergency access, ingress and egress, and it provides that for the rest of Valley Center, I would not support it. So unless it comes with that infrastructure, it brings you the extra benefit of emergency access and is adequate for the city, the fire department signs off, yes this is good, you know, then I would approve it. But if it’s the same old thing, it’s not going to come through. I know I think there– I talked to somebody with the project and they said it was, I guess it’s coming back as the green project. Well it really should come back as the infrastructure project. And I think if it had that infrastructure in place and it’s all there and it provides you the extra benefit, then I’d be a favor of it. If it doesn’t, no.” [JP Theberge, Facebook, 00:00, [6/15/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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**2020: The Developer Said It Had Made Fire Safety Changes To The Lilac Hills Ranch Project, But The County Fire Chief, Planning And Services Director, And Community Members Opposed The Plan**

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**Village Communities Told The Board That They Made Substantial Changes On Fire Safety To The Project.**

“Village Communities LLC, the developers of Lilac Hills Ranch, wanted board approval for the master-planned community, located east of Interstate 15 and Old Highway 395. [...] During Wednesday's lengthy public hearing, Village Communities officials told board members that they had made substantial changes on fire safety measures, including evacuation routes, more roads and money to clear fire prone-vegetation.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

**Desmond Acknowledged That The County Fire Chief Opposed The Project Because It Could Not Be Safely Evacuated In Case Of A Major Fire.**

“After the vote, Desmond said that it wasn't ‘good government to deny a project when the developers are willing to continue working on a solution.’ He acknowledged that county Fire Chief Tony Mecham had also opposed the project, because it couldn't be safely evacuated in case of a major fire.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

**The County’s Planning And Services Director Recommended The Lilac Hills Ranch Project Not Go Forward.**

“The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 Wednesday to deny a controversial 1,700-home development near Valley Center that voters rejected nearly four years ago. Village Communities LLC, the developers of Lilac Hills Ranch, wanted board approval for the master-planned community, located east of Interstate 15 and Old Highway 395. However, the board ratified the county Planning & Services recommendation that the project not go forward. Mark Wardlaw, Planning and Services director, said his department didn't ‘present this recommendation lightly.’ He added staffers spent more than eight years dealing with the applicant over fire safety and related concerns.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

**Several Community Members Opposing The Project Mentioned The Deadly 2018 Camp Fire That Killed 80 People As An Example Of What Could Happen With The Wrong Type Of Development.**

“Supervisors also heard from over 30 people, many of them area residents, on the project. Those in favor said Lilac Hills was needed for more affordable housing, while opponents also cited fire safety issues and how the project would negatively impact the community's rural feel. Several people also mentioned the deadly 2018 Camp Fire in California's Butte

County as an example of what could happen with the wrong type of development. That fire killed more than 80 people.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

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## **2020: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote To Keep The Lilac Hills Ranch Project Alive**

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**Desmond Said It Was Not “Good Government To Deny A Project When The Developers Are Willing To Continue Working On A Solution.”** “After the vote, Desmond said that it wasn’t ‘good government to deny a project when the developers are willing to continue working on a solution.’ He acknowledged that county Fire Chief Tony Meham had also opposed the project, because it couldn’t be safely evacuated in case of a major fire.” [KPBS, [6/24/20](#)]

## **Desmond Routinely Voted Against Pro-Union Efforts, Including Against Minimum Wage Standards, Worker Safety, And A Project Labor Agreement**

### **2023: Desmond Voted Against Requiring Privately-Funded Projects To Pay Traffic Control Workers A Minimum Wage But Later Voted For The Same Ordinance**

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- **Supervisor Vargas: “Our County And I Are Committed To Creating A Safe And Healthy Environment For All Our Workers And We Expect Our Contractors To Do The Same.”** ““Our county and I are committed to creating a safe and healthy environment for all our workers and we expect our contractors to do the same,’ Vargas said. ‘They have sacrificed a lot over the last few years, and we need to ensure they have safe working conditions and are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.’” [Times of San Diego, [2/8/23](#)]

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### **Desmond’s Vote Came After Janitors Told County Supervisors About Mistreatment And Unfair Working Conditions**

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**February 2023: Times Of San Diego: “Janitors During A Tuesday Public Hearing Told County Supervisors About What They Called Mistreatment And Unfair Working Conditions.”** “Janitors during a Tuesday public hearing told county supervisors about what they called mistreatment and unfair working conditions. One woman

said what she earns is not enough and she has no insurance. The woman added that she had to take a second job, which led to her becoming disabled.” [Times of San Diego, [2/8/23](#)]

**January 23, 2023: Janitors Engaged In A Work Stoppage After Saying A Worker Was Wrongfully Discharged.** “On Jan. 23, janitors engaged in a work stoppage against Nova Commercial Company, claiming a worker was wrongfully discharged, according to Vargas’ office. ‘Now, the county will explore opportunities for terminating, amending or enhancing the current contract in place,’ said Vargas, Board of Supervisors chair.” [Times of San Diego, [2/8/23](#)]

**The Janitors Were Trying To Join The SEIU-United Service Workers West Union.** “Christian Ramirez, an official with SEIU United Service Workers West, described the janitors’ speaking out as historic. He said female janitors were forced to endure ‘heinous conditions,’ but were able to get the attention of government leaders. The janitors are trying to join the SEIU-United Service Workers West union, KPBS reported. Dozens of others, many of them union activists, voiced their support for the workers.” [Times of San Diego, [2/8/23](#)]

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**Desmond Defended His “No” Vote, Saying Revising Other Labor Contracts Could Cost Millions Of Dollars And Residents Had Other Priorities**

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**2022: Desmond Twice Cast The Lone Vote Against Two Ordinances To Improve Contractor Transparency**

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**April 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against The Two Ordinances To Improve Contractor Transparency During Their First Reading.** “San Diego County supervisors Wednesday voted 4-1 in favor of additions to two ordinances to improve contractor transparency by increasing the amount of information contractors have to provide about subcontractors on development projects in unincorporated areas. Wednesday's vote represented a first reading for the county Building Code and Code of Regulatory Ordinance. If supervisors approve

a second reading on May 11, those additions will take effect on June 10, according to Board Chairman Nathan Fletcher's office. [...] Calling the ordinance additions 'bureaucratic overkill,' Supervisor Jim Desmond was the lone no vote." [ABC 10 News San Diego, [4/27/22](#)]

**May 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Two Ordinances To Require Contractors To Provide More Information During Their Second Reading.** "The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 on Wednesday in favor of two ordinances that require contractors to provide more information on subcontractors working on projects in unincorporated areas. Supervisors approved a required second reading of the ordinances during the Wednesday meeting, which deal with land use and environmental issues. [...] Supervisor Jim Desmond voted no, but didn't elaborate." [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

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### **The Updated Ordinances Would Collect More Information Before A Subcontractor Was Onsite And Require Greater Transparency For Certain Projects**

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**One Updated Ordinance Would Collect Information Before A Subcontractor Was Onsite, Including Verification OF OSHA Or Wage Violations And Special Safety Licenses.** "According to the county, the updated ordinance will collect the following information before a subcontractor is onsite: -- subcontractor specialty, name and contact, license number, address and workers compensation policy; -- subcontractor work start and end dates; -- detailed scope of the work done; -- verification of Occupational Safety and Health Administration or wage violations; -- subcontractor Disadvantaged Business Enterprise status, and; -- special safety licenses or training requirements for a subcontractor's scope of work." [ABC 10 News San Diego, [4/27/22](#)]

**The Other Updated Ordinance Would Require Greater Transparency For Certain Projects, Including Multifamily Homes And Right-Of-Way Permits For Energy Transport.** "Projects that will require greater subcontractor transparency are: -- building permits for new commercial or residential tracts (five or more lots) and multifamily construction projects (five or more units), commercial tenant improvement projects over 10,000 square feet and projects associated with General Plan amendments and; -- right-of-way permits for transport of energy, water or sewer projects subject to the state prevailing wage; and projects not subject to state prevailing wage (excluding driveways and retaining walls)." [ABC 10 News San Diego, [4/27/22](#)]

**Supervisor Fletcher: "These Updates To Our Ordinances Will Make Construction Sites Safer, And Hold Contractors And Subcontractors Who Perform Work In Our Unincorporated Areas More Accountable."** "Fletcher, who proposed a stronger contracting policy, said Wednesday's vote was 'another important step' to protect workers. 'These updates to our ordinances will make construction sites safer, and hold contractors and subcontractors who perform work in our unincorporated areas more accountable,' Fletcher said in a statement. 'Having more information available about the subcontractors will allow us to more easily identify bad actors, help prevent workplace accidents and address any red flag before they start working on a job site.'" [ABC 10 News San Diego, [4/27/22](#)]

**Supervisor Fletcher's Office Said The Overwhelming Majority Of Projects Used Subcontractors.** "According to Fletcher's office, the county issues between 14,000 and 18,000 building permits and around 2,200 right-of-way permits per year, with the overwhelming majority of projects using subcontractors." [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

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### **Local Unions In Southern California Supported The New Rules**

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**Local Union Leaders Supported The New Rules For Contractors.** "The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 on Wednesday in favor of two ordinances that require contractors to provide more information on subcontractors working on projects in unincorporated areas. [...] According to Fletcher's office, union leaders are backing the new rules." [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

**Southwest Regional Council Of Carpenters Regional Manager: “There Are Too Many Subcontractors That Prey On Working Families And Use Exploitation As A Business Model.”** ““There are too many subcontractors that prey on working families and use exploitation as a business model,’ said Doug Hicks, regional manager for the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters. The board’s decision Wednesday ‘ensures we are able to identify the bad actors that plague the construction industry,’ Hicks added.” [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

**CWA Local 9509 Official Frank Lopez Commended The County “For Taking Action On An Issue That Affects Both Workers And The Public.”** “Frank Lopez, an official with CWA Local 9509, said his group commended supervisors and county staff ‘for taking action on an issue that affects both workers and the public.’ Multilayered employment structures ‘can create accountability problems and dangerous conditions at work sites, including in the public right- of-way,’ Lopez said.” [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

- **Lopez Said CWA Had Seen “Substandard Work Quality And Unsafe Work Conditions” With Subcontracting.** “He said that low-road subcontracting ‘is a huge problem in the telecom industry, affecting work quality, worker safety and public safety.’ ‘For example, we are currently seeing a boom in installation of wireless ‘small cell’ technology in our rights-of-way,’ Lopez added. ‘We have seen substandard work quality and unsafe work conditions.’” [KPBS, [5/11/22](#)]

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**Desmond Argued Further Regulation Would Slow Housing Projects And Increase Costs.** “Calling the ordinance additions ‘bureaucratic overkill,’ Supervisor Jim Desmond was the lone no vote. He argued that further regulation will only slow badly needed housing projects and increase costs.” [ABC 10 News San Diego, [4/27/22](#)]

**2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Sick Leave And A Wage Floor For All Employees Working On County-Owned Property**

**Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Adopting An Ordinance Relating To Employment Of County Construction Projects And Property.** “ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Ordinance No. 10771 (N.S.), entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCES RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT ON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND PROPERTY. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/1/22](#)]

**The Ordinance Included A Threshold For Skilled And Trained Workforce, Sick Leave For All Employees Working On County-Owned Property, And A Wage Floor.** “Incorporating the data and analysis received from the County consultant (Consultant), DTA, and the information gathered by County staff, the draft Working Families Ordinance was revised to include creation of a threshold for skilled and trained workforce that is consistent with several other Southern California jurisdictions and agencies with similar ordinances. This threshold

would require contractors and subcontractors on County construction projects valued over \$1,000,000 to utilize a skilled and trained workforce. The draft Ordinance was also revised to include sick leave for all employees and contractors working on or from County-owned leased property to match State of California law, a clarification about the application of the Ordinance, the establishment of a wage floor requiring employees and contractors working on or from County-owned real property to be paid no less than a certain hourly wage set by the County, and adding exemptions to the Ordinance aligned with jurisdictions across the state.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/1/22](#)]

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**2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Creating A County Office Of Labor Standards And Enforcement Which Would Protect Pay And Safety Standards**

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**2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Creating A County Office Of Labor Standards And Enforcement To Protect Workplace Pay And Safety Standards**

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**May 2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Creating An Office Of Labor Standards And Enforcement In San Diego County.** “The county will create a labor office to protect workplace pay and safety standards, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday. In a 4-1 vote, with Supervisor Jim Desmond voting no, the board approved a plan to create an Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/4/21](#)]

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**Supervisor Fletcher Said The County Needed An Office To Help Workers Navigate Confusing Complaint Processes And Provide Information About Workplace Standards.** “‘The COVID-19 pandemic I believe has highlighted the need for robust worker protections for essential workers,’ Board Chair Nathan Fletcher said. ‘During the pandemic these workers kept showing up, putting themselves at risk to keep our economy going and while COVID-19 has brought worker issues to the forefront these issues are not new.’ Although state and federal agencies typically handle employment complaints, Fletcher said the county needs a local office to help workers navigate confusing complaint processes, and provide information about workplace standards for both employees and employers.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/4/21](#)]

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**Desmond Said The Labor Office Would Duplicate Tasks Done By The State And Federal Government**

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**Desmond Objected To The Labor Office Because He Said It Would Duplicate Tasks Done By The State And Federal Government.** “Desmond said he objected to the office because it would duplicate tasks the state and federal government are already charged with handling. ‘This is, in my opinion, a state and federal responsibility and not something the county should be expending dollars on enforcing,’ Desmond said. ‘Most complaints are directed to an overburdened state workers office. If anything we should be pushing the state to better respond to their own responsibility.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/4/21](#)]

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**2019: Desmond Voted Against A Project Labor Agreement With Local Unions For An Airport Construction Project, Calling It “Discrimination,” Despite Being A Union Member Himself**

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## **2022: Desmond Called Project Labor Agreements “The Antithesis” Of Equality**

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**2022: Desmond Called Project Labor Agreements “The Antithesis” Of Equity.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors heard proposals Wednesday to help workers succeed in a carbon-free economy. [...] Desmond took issue with the workforce plan requiring project labor agreements for all building decarbonization projects. Also known as community workforce agreements, PLAs involve collective bargaining with labor organizations to set employment terms and conditions. Desmond said PLAs could discriminate against non-union workers, and are ‘the antithesis’ to equity.” [Patch, [3/17/22](#)]

- **Desmond Voted To Receive A Draft Of The Integrated Regional Decarbonization Framework, But Opposed Any Project Labor Agreements.** “Supervisors voted unanimously to receive a draft of the Integrated Regional Decarbonization Framework, which includes a workforce development study, and let the county negotiate a contract with the University of San Diego for related consulting services. [...] ‘Everyone should have a fair chance,’ said Desmond, a former commercial airline pilot who belonged to a union for over 30 years, but won’t support any PLA requirement and urged residents who agreed to make their voices heard. Fletcher said state law forbids discrimination with PLAs in the bidding process. Desmond countered that the law only applies in the bidding process. Fletcher replied that Desmond didn’t understand state law, and the board could hold a future meeting on the PLA process.” [Patch, [3/17/22](#)]

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**Under Project Labor Agreements, Unions Agreed Never To Stop Work And All Workers Passed Through Union Halls.** “With project labor agreements, unions agree to guarantee there will be enough workers and to never stop work on the job and, in exchange, all workers must pass through the union halls with associated fees and benefits for them. They don’t necessarily have to be union members but it certainly benefits unions.” [Voice of San Diego, [4/15/19](#)]

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## **2019: Desmond Called Project Labor Agreements “Discrimination” And Said “Labor Union Bosses” Wanted Work Rules For Financial Gain**

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**2019: In Discussing Project Labor Agreements, Desmond Said, “I’m Not Anti-Union [...] But I Draw The Line At Discrimination.”** “Friday he sent out a statement bemoaning the Airport Authority’s decision last week to begin negotiations on requiring contractors do a project labor agreement with local unions for the upcoming reconstruction of Terminal 1. [...] What makes this a bit awkward is that Desmond is himself a union member. He’s a pilot with Delta Air Lines, a member of a union that would most certainly not allow large numbers of nonunion pilots to get gigs. He addressed the irony at the Airport Authority meeting. ‘I’m in a union. I’m not anti-union. But — and I’ve seen some of the benefits of being in the union. I’ve reaped some of those over my career. But I draw the line at discrimination,’ he said.” [Voice of San Diego, [4/15/19](#)]

**Desmond: “The Labor Union Bosses Desperately Want These Work Rules Because It Allows Them To Build Up Union Bank Accounts.”** “Supervisor Jim Desmond seems to be making a move to be a leader of conservatives in San Diego. [...] ‘If you are not a member of this select group, you will not apply your trade on the biggest construction project in the airport’s history. Unless you join the group, the door is shut on you,’ he wrote. [...] ‘The

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- **Voice Of San Diego Headline: "Desmond, A Union Guy, Blasted Unions On Airport Vote."** [Voice of San Diego, [4/15/19](#)]

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**2019: Desmond Budgeted \$240,000 To Remodel And Renovate His Downtown And District Office Space In His First Five Months In Office As County Supervisor.** "County Supervisor Jim Desmond's new front office downtown is modest looking by any measure. There's a medium-sized sofa, a coffee table, a standard wooden desk, a few chairs, some fresh paint, a TV and generic, gray carpeting. His district office in Vista, while still being remodeled, is expected to be similarly utilitarian, his staff says. Though his new offices are nothing to gawk at, their potential price tag is more interesting. Desmond budgeted \$240,000 to remodel and renovate his downtown and district office space, according to spending records during his first five months in office. The final cost may come under budget, he said." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

- **San Diego Union-Tribune Headline: "Supervisor Budgets \$240,000 For Office Furniture, Remodeling."** [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

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**Chairwoman Dianne Jacob Budgeted \$6,672 For Improvements To Her Chief Of Staff's Office.** "Desmond's offices also cost more than most supervisors' because he is one of only two who use a field office and a downtown

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**2017: Supervisor Gaspar Spent \$10,262 To Renovate The Space Where Her Executive Assistant Worked.** "Supervisor Kristin Gaspar has not bought new furniture or office improvements since January, county documents show. A spokesperson for Gaspar said she spent \$10,262 when she came into office in 2017 to renovate the space where her executive assistant worked. That included construction, shades, paint, and after-hours charges for workers." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

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## **Desmond Said The Upgrades Were Long Overdue And Said He Supported Looking For Ways To Lower Costs In The Future**

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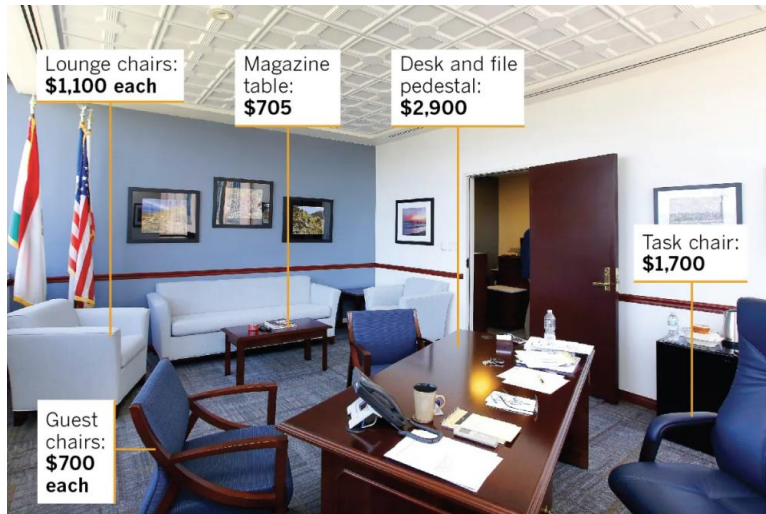
**San Diego Union-Tribune: "Desmond Said In An Interview That He Has Tried To Save Money And He Is Frustrated With The Cost, But The Upgrades Are Long Overdue."** "Desmond said in an interview that he has tried to save money and he is frustrated with the cost, but the upgrades are long overdue. 'I inherited two offices, one in downtown San Diego and the other in the Vista County Courthouse,' Desmond said. 'Both offices had the same carpet and paint for over two decades. The downtown office update, which ran into asbestos, included updating mine and three staff offices. The North County Vista office is larger with a conference room, waiting room, bathroom and three staff offices. I had to use county-only union laborers and a single source furniture vendor.'" [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

**Desmond Said He Was Focused On Other Issues But In The Future Would Be In Favor Of Looking For Ways To Lower Costs For Office Projects.** "Desmond said he's currently focused on other issues, but in the future he'd be in favor of looking for ways to lower the costs for office projects like his. 'I'd like to see those costs come down and if there's a way to do that I think that might be an endeavor in the future,' he said." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

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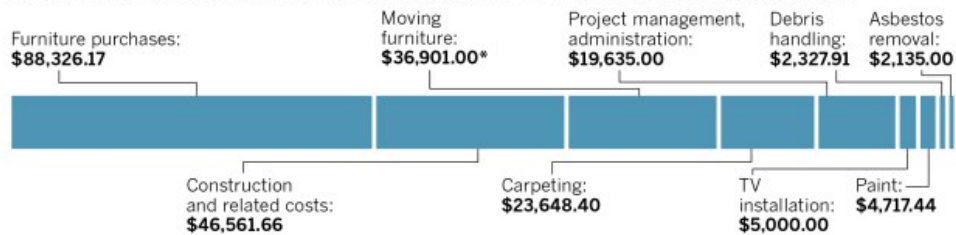


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**Desmond Spent Most Of The Remodeling Money On Furniture Purchases And Construction Costs.** [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

**The price of remodeling offices: \$229,252.58**

County Supervisor Jim Desmond is renovating and outfitting his main office in downtown San Diego and a district office in Vista. Here are the estimated costs so far, based on invoices and job contracts.



\* Includes clean-up, electrical and related work.  
 Note: Costs so far are from invoices, job contract estimates. Final costs may vary.  
 Sources: San Diego County records; invoices; job cost projections

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[San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

**Desmond Bought Furniture At The Upper, Middle, And Low Ends Of The Price Range Available.** [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

### Desmond's main office

Supervisors are required to choose furniture from approved vendors. Here is furniture chosen from GJM Business Interiors for County Supervisor Jim Desmond's downtown office along with the price range of available options from the catalog.



Sources: San Diego County records; invoices; job cost projections; GJM Business Interiors catalog

[San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

**Desmond Bought Furniture With Prices Similar To What Was Available Online.** [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

### Cost of furniture

Price comparison of furniture bought by County Supervisor Jim Desmond for his office and similar furniture found online.

Furniture	Desmond's price	Average online price
Guest chair	\$700	\$755
Task chair	\$1,700	\$1,863-\$2,441*
Lounge chairs	\$1,100	\$1,524
Magazine table	\$705	NA
Desk and file pedestal	\$2,900	\$2,443

\*Armless base model

Sources: County of San Diego; Office Chair USA; National Business Furniture U-T

[San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

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### The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board, Which Previously Endorsed Desmond For Supervisor, Criticized Him For Running Up His Renovation Budget

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**2019: The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board, Which Previously Endorsed Desmond For Supervisor, Said It Was “Difficult To Square” His Self-Styled Fiscal Conservatism With His Renovation Budget.** “In 2018, The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board endorsed San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond’s bid for the county supervisor seat held-by termed-out Supervisor Bill Horn in part because of the nuanced arguments he made about the importance of the county maintaining healthy fiscal reserves. Desmond, a Republican, branded himself a fiscal conservative in his April interview with the board. But it is difficult to square this self-depiction with Desmond’s decision to budget \$240,000 in taxpayer funds to remodel and renovate his downtown and district office spaces. That’s far more than was budgeted for similar work by other supervisors combined. Desmond said he’s frustrated by the expense and that his furniture options and ability to control labor costs are limited by county rules.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Editorial, [6/21/19](#)]

- **San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board Headline: “Supervisor Desmond Invites Cynicism With His Spending On His Offices.”** [San Diego Union-Tribune, Editorial, [6/21/19](#)]

**San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board: “A Self-Proclaimed Fiscal Conservative Who Runs Up Bills Like This Soon After Taking Office Invites Voter Cynicism.”** “There will be those who say if the work had to be done, it had to be done, and will give Desmond a pass. But symbolism matters. A self-proclaimed fiscal conservative who runs up bills like this soon after taking office invites voter cynicism. Whether or not Desmond deserves this cynicism, it’s a safe bet he’ll be taking potshots over his costly remodeling for years to come.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Editorial, [6/21/19](#)]

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**Desmond Said Business Class Travel On International Flights Was Important To Keep Employees Rested For Meetings.** “Three other board members disagreed: Tom Smisek, Desmond and Bruce Boland. Desmond said

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**When Questioned About Public Scrutiny By Chairman Bob Watkins, Desmond Got Defensive, Asking, “Are We Running It Or Is The Media Running The Ship?”** “Three other board members disagreed: Tom Smisek, Desmond and Bruce Boland. Desmond said business class travel on international flights is important to keep employees fresh and rested for meetings once they arrive. ‘The question comes back: are you willing to defend that from a public scrutiny perspective?’ asked Bob Watkins, the authority chairman. ‘Are we running it or is the media running the ship?’ Desmond replied.” [Voice of San Diego, [10/1/09](#)]

## **Desmond Supported Ending Birthright Citizenship And Had A History Of Fearmongering About Immigrants**

### **2026: Local News Reported Desmond Supported Ending Birthright Citizenship**

**April 2026: San Diego Union-Tribune: Desmond “Endorsed Some Of Trump’s More Controversial Efforts — Including Ending Birthright Citizenship.”** “Despite the district’s newly Democratic tilt, Desmond isn’t shying away from his support for Trump. In an interview with The San Diego Union-Tribune, he endorsed some of Trump’s more controversial efforts — including ending birthright citizenship. ‘I support the fact that he shut down the border. I support the fact that he’s trying to lower taxes. I support the fact that somebody had to step up and take on Iran,’ he said, though he noted Trump has ‘a different style than I do in dealing with issues.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/5/26](#)]

**April 1, 2026: The Supreme Court Heard Oral Arguments About Trump’s Executive Order To End Birthright Citizenship.** “On Jan. 20, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order that would end birthright citizenship – the guarantee of U.S. citizenship to virtually everyone born in this country. Trump’s order has never gone into effect; since then, every federal court that has considered a challenge to the order has struck it down. After just over two hours of oral arguments on Wednesday, before an audience that included (at least for part of the morning) Trump himself, a majority of the Supreme Court seemed likely to do the same.” [SCOTUSblog, [4/1/26](#)]

- **Trump’s Order Would Upend The Long-Standing View That The 14th Amendment Conferred Citizenship On Everyone Born On American Soil.** “Trump’s order would upend the long-standing view that the Constitution’s 14th Amendment, ratified in 1868, and federal law since 1940 confer citizenship on everyone born on American soil, with narrow exceptions for the children of foreign diplomats and those born to a foreign occupying force.” [Associated Press, [4/1/26](#)]

## **Desmond Had A History Of Disparaging Immigrants, Making False Claims About Immigrants, And Reposting Extreme Anti-Immigrant Content From Far-Right Outlets**

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**Desmond Made Disparaging Comments About Immigrants, Including Comparing Them To Sewage Coming Into The U.S.**

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*2025: Desmond Compared Immigrants To Sewage Coming Into The U.S.*

**VIDEO: 2025: Desmond Said Stopping The Flow Of Sewage Was “Just Like The Border. So Many People Coming Across The Border, We Had To Stop The Flow.”** DESMOND: “Really the focus, yes treating the sewage with a Veolia plant but stopping the flow. We gotta stop. Just like the border. So many people coming across the border, we had to stop the flow.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Instagram, [4/22/25](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Desmond Said He Met With EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin To Discuss The “Millions Of Gallons Of Toxic Sewage [That] Have Flowed From Mexico Into U.S. Waters.”** “Starting a critical meeting with EPA

Administrator Lee Zeldin this morning to finally address the Tijuana Sewage Crisis. For decades, millions of gallons of toxic sewage have flowed from Mexico into U.S. waters — and it's time to end it. We must hold Mexico accountable. No more excuses. No more delays. I'll be sharing takeaways and next steps soon — stay tuned.” [Jim Desmond, Instagram, [4/22/25](#)]



[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Instagram, [4/22/25](#)]

### ***2024: Desmond Said Migrants Arriving By Boat Were “Ghosts”***

**May 2024: In Discussing Migrants Arriving By Boat, Desmond Said, “We Have No Idea What They Are Doing. They’re Ghosts.”** “Most migrants who enter illegally by land immediately surrender to authorities and request asylum. Those arriving via boat, in contrast, typically speed away in waiting vehicles. ‘The big concern for us is we have absolutely no idea who these people are,’ said San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond, a Republican. ‘We have no idea what they are doing. They’re ghosts.’” [Wall Street Journal, [5/11/24](#)]

**Desmond: “In California, We Are Laying Out The Red Carpet And Welcome Mat For Illegal Immigrants To Cross The Border.”** “Desmond said he thinks a 2017 California law limiting when local law enforcement can work with federal immigration authorities is helping drive the beach arrivals. He said even if local law enforcement officers were on the scene, they wouldn’t be able to arrest migrants whose only known crime was entering the U.S. illegally. ‘In California, we are laying out the red carpet and welcome mat for illegal immigrants to cross the border,’ Desmond said.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/11/24](#)]

### ***2024: After Trump’s Election, Desmond Said, “I’m Looking Forward To Not Having Hundreds Of Thousands Of Unchecked People From Around The World Being Dropped In The Streets Of San Diego County”***

**November 2024: In Discussing Trump’s Reelection, Desmond Said, “I’m Looking Forward To Not Having Hundreds Of Thousands Of Unchecked People From Around The World Being Dropped In The Streets Of San Diego County.”** “In mid-September, county Supervisor Jim Desmond told lawmakers on the House Homeland Security Committee in Washington that the arrival of so many migrants has strained the county’s resources and raised concerns about how people entering the country were being screened for security threats. Now that Trump has been re-elected, Desmond said those concerns will likely subside. ‘I’m looking forward to not having hundreds of thousands of unchecked people from around the world being dropped in the streets of San Diego County,’ he said Friday in a statement. ‘I’m looking forward to not having boats being driven up upon our beaches and dozens

of unchecked people from around the world walking into our neighborhoods.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/10/24](#)]

- **San Diego Union-Tribune Headline: “‘We Are Very Scared’: Fear Grips Migrant Families On Both Sides Of The Border Over Trump Deportations.”** [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/10/24](#)]

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**Desmond Falsely Claimed County Funds Paid For Supplies At A Migrant Holding Site And Amplified False Claims About Immigrants And Terrorists Crossing Into The U.S.**

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*2024: Desmond Falsely Claimed County Funds Paid For Tents, Food, And Other Items At The Jacumba Migrant Holding Site And Later Said He Was Mistaken*

**January 3, 2024: Desmond Said San Diego County Taxpayers Paid For Tents, Food, Drinks, And Campfires At A Holding Site For Migrants At The Border.** “During my recent border visit, I encountered an abandoned campsite filled with tents, food, drinks, and campfires paid for by the San Diego County taxpayers. The site is used as a temporary holding site before migrants are then processed into our country. There wasn't a person in sight, but items were scattered throughout the area.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/3/24](#)]

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[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/3/24](#)]

**KPBS Said Desmond’s Tweet That San Diego Taxpayers Were Paying For Migrant Encampments Was “A**

**False Statement.** “San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond is again facing criticism for misleading rhetoric regarding migrants at the San Diego border. Desmond was forced to issue a correction Thursday on a Tweet that incorrectly stated county taxpayers were footing the bill for tents, food and water at open-air migrant encampments in Jacumba. ‘During my recent border visit, I encountered an abandoned campsite filled with tents, food, drinks, and campfire paid for by the San Diego County taxpayers,’ he wrote in the Tweet Wednesday that as of Friday had nearly 200,000 views on the social media platform X. That’s a false statement. Though the county has allocated \$6 million to fund a migrant welcome center in San Diego, zero taxpayer dollars have been spent on humanitarian aid at the open-air encampments in Jacumba and San Ysidro.” [KPBS, [1/5/24](#)]

- **KPBS Headline: “Desmond Under Fire For Inaccurate Tweet On Migrant Camp Funding.”** [KPBS, [1/5/24](#)]

**January 4, 2024: Desmond Said He “Mistakenly” Said San Diego County Taxpayer Dollars Were Being Spent On Items For Migrant Encampments In Jacumba But Acknowledged “That Was Not True.”** “In a recent Tweet, I mistakenly said San Diego County taxpayer dollars were being spent on tents, food, and other items migrant encampments in Jacumba. That was not true. San Diego County taxpayers are paying for processing migrants once they're dropped off at a central location in San Diego at approximately \$1.5 million a month.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/4/24](#)]



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**Desmond’s Communications Director Said The Inaccurate Tweet Was His Fault.** “Desmond wasn’t in his office Thursday when activists from the collective showed up with their receipts. But his communications director, Miles Himmel, was. The exchange was caught on video. Himmel took responsibility for the inaccurate Tweet and promised to issue a correction — which he did later that day. ‘That’s my fault,’ he said. ‘I wrote the caption.’ Activists told Himmel it was important to issue a correction because spreading misinformation on such a divisive topic could put them in danger. ‘We’ve had people get hate messages because there are people that feel differently about this,’ an activist said.” [KPBS, [1/5/24](#)]

**Advocates Who Covered The Cost Of Food And Other Items For Migrants Brought Receipts To Desmond’s Office In Protest.** “Advocates who’ve been covering costs for the care of migrants made their displeasure with Desmond public on Thursday. They showed up in Desmond’s office at the County Administration Building with proof of their support. Members of the Free Stuff Collective brought receipts totaling more than \$60,000. They cover necessities from peanut butter, bananas and cups of ramen noodles to water bottles and chapstick. The advocates chanted ‘shame, shame,’ as they marched to Desmond’s office.” [KPBS, [1/5/24](#)]

**2024: Desmond Reposted A Tweet From A Known Misinformation Account About Immigration**

**December 2024: Desmond Reposted A Tweet From “Leading Report” About Alleged Spending On Undocumented Immigrants.** “[Desmond:] Families are barely making it in California, but there’s plenty of money for illegal immigrants... [Leading Report:] BREAKING: United States taxpayers paid \$150.7 billion in 2023 to support illegal immigrants, per DOGE.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/4/24](#)]



**Science Feedback: “Leading Report” Trafficked In Misinformation And Conspiracy Theories.** “Leading Report bills itself as a ‘Leading source for breaking news’ on its X/Twitter account. Registered in May 2022, it has since accrued more than 172,000 followers. Scrolling through its timeline however, it becomes clear that the account traffics in misinformation and conspiracy theories about COVID-19 and U.S. politics. Fact-checking organizations, including AFP, Reuters, and PolitiFact (see here, here, here, and here) have, on multiple occasions, found the website propagating inaccurate or misleading information.” [Science Feedback, [10/31/23](#)]

**2023: Desmond Amplified Concerns About Hamas Terrorists Entering The U.S. Through The Southern Border, Which A Local Middle East Expert Criticized As “Completely Unhinged”**

**October 2023: Desmond And Other Republican Politicians Called For A Border Shutdown Over Concerns That Hamas Terrorists Might Enter The Country Illegally.** “San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond and other Republican politicians are calling for a border shutdown over concerns that Hamas terrorists may enter the country illegally.” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

- **The Call For A Border Shutdown Came After Right-Wing Site “The Daily Caller” Published An Unverified Memo Claiming Foreign Fighters May Be At The Southwest Border.** “The politicians’ call for a border shutdown came after the right-wing news and opinion website The Daily Caller published an unverified memo from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) stating that ‘foreign fighters of Israel-Hamas conflict may potentially be encountered at Southwest Border.’” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

**A Customs And Border Patrol Spokesperson Said The Agency Had “Seen No Indication Of Hamas-Directed Foreign Fighters Seeking To Make Entry Into The United States.”** “Border officials declined to comment, stating it’s CBP policy to ‘neither confirm nor speak to potentially improperly disclosed information or internal documents.’ But a CBP spokesperson said the agency ‘has seen no indication of Hamas-directed foreign fighters seeking to make entry into the United States.’” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

**The Department Of Homeland Security Said It Did Not Have Any Specific And Credible Intelligence About A Threat To The U.S. From The Hamas Terrorist Attacks In Israel.** “The Department of Homeland Security also issued a statement this week saying, ‘we do not have specific and credible intelligence indicating a threat to the United States at this time stemming from the Hamas terrorist attacks in Israel.’” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

**UC San Diego Middle East Expert Michael Provence Called Desmond And The Other Politicians’ Declaration, “Preposterous And Completely Unhinged,” And He Said, “This Is The Very Definition Of Hysteria.”** “San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond and other Republican politicians are calling for a border shutdown over concerns that Hamas terrorists may enter the country illegally. But a Middle East expert called their

declaration ‘preposterous and completely unhinged.’ ‘This is the very definition of hysteria,’ said Michael Provence, professor of Middle Eastern History at UC San Diego.” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

- **KPBS Headline: “Expert Calls Desmond’s Plan To Close Border Over Hamas ‘Completely Unhinged.’”** [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

**Provence Pointed Out That Palestinians Could Not Leave Gaza At The Time And Hamas Had Not Made Direct Threats To The U.S.** “Provence, who has studied the Middle East region for decades and written several books, pointed to multiple factors to dismiss Desmond’s concerns. The first is that Palestinians cannot leave Gaza right now. ‘If a person in Gaza wanted to get to the southern border, they couldn’t get out of Gaza,’ he said. ‘It’s completely ringed in by the Israelis. So, it would be physically impossible.’ Second, Hamas has not made direct threats to the United States. ‘Its entire existence is based on opposition to Israel and Israeli occupation,’ he said. ‘It has nothing to do with the United States, it’s not engaged in the United States, it’s never threatened the United States.’” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

**Desmond Dismissed Provence’s Criticisms, Calling Them A Difference Of Opinion.** “Desmond dismissed Provence’s criticisms, calling them a difference of opinion. ‘There are many opinions out there, I want to protect the United States,’ he said.” [KPBS, [10/26/23](#)]

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### **Desmond Reposted Anti-Immigrant Content From Far-Right Outlets On Social Media**

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**2025: Desmond Retweeted A Post From The Goat Initiative That Said Human Smugglers Illegally Entered The U.S.** “Today, several human smugglers illegally entered the U.S., stole one of our new cameras & took it back into Mexico. One of the suspects had a handgun in a thigh holster, the other was wearing camouflage combat military fatigues.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/11/25](#)]



[Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/11/25](#)]

- **The Goat Initiative Said Its Mission Was “To Safeguard National Security Along The U.S./Mexico Border Through Comprehensive Intelligence Gathering.”** “Our mission is to safeguard national security along the U.S./Mexico border through comprehensive intelligence gathering — identifying Special Interest Aliens (SIAs), known and unknown terrorist risks, suspicious patterns, and potential homeland attack vectors — and delivering actionable insights to local, state, and federal law enforcement partners.” [Goat Initiative, Mission, accessed [5/12/26](#)]

**2025: Desmond Retweeted A Post From Disclose.TV About The U.S.-Mexico Border.** “[Desmond:] Good. It’s a national security threat. We must protect our borders. [Disclose.tv:] JUST IN - Thousands of additional active-duty troops are being deployed to the southern U.S. border with Mexico — CNN.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/22/25](#)]



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- **Disclose.TV Hosted Multiple Channels Featuring Holocaust Denial And Had Millions Of Followers On Far-Right Social Media Networks Like Gettr And Gab.** “Germany-based Disclose.TV has millions of followers – on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and far-right social media networks like Gettr and Gab. What began as a conspiracy forum for swapping UFO stories has turned into a popular news aggregator dispensing conspiracy theories and anti-vaccine content, unique not only in its influence but also the way it operates. A new report has shown that Disclose.TV hosted multiple Telegram and Discord channels where ‘hate speech and Holocaust denial’ proliferated. At the same time, experts believe it was also trying to obfuscate its German origin.” [Deutsche Welle, [2/8/22](#)]

**2024: Desmond Appeared In A Segment By Border Hawk About Illegal Immigration.** “Feds Dump 125,000 Male Illegal Aliens on San Diego Streets in 9 Months San Diego County Supervisor Jim Desmond has been sounding the alarm about the ongoing invasion of California and the way it is being orchestrated by the Biden-Harris regime. Supervisor Desmond says federal [...]” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [11/19/24](#)]



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- **Border Hawk Was An Offshoot Of An Umbrella Organization Founded By A White Nationalist.** “Border Hawk presents itself as a grassroots organization offering an honest view of the southern border. But the site is

intimately entwined with a long-standing anti-immigrant movement that, until recently, was widely rejected. It was initially an offshoot of U.S., Inc., an umbrella organization founded by John Tanton, an ophthalmologist, environmentalist, and white nationalist who's been called 'the architect of the modern-day anti-immigrant movement.' (Tanton died in 2019.) Border Hawk also shares contributors and staff with VDARE, a virulently anti-immigrant Web site founded by Peter Brimelow, who has described himself as a believer in 'racial nationalism.' (Brimelow suspended VDARE this year, after it claimed to be insolvent from paying fines incurred when he refused to comply with a subpoena from the New York attorney general, Letitia James.) Border Hawk is a nonprofit, and cannot endorse political parties or candidates, but the site has consistently depicted the border as out of control, and migrants as criminals and invaders." [New Yorker, [12/20/24](#)]

**2024: Desmond Retweeted A Post From Real America's Voice That Said It Showed "The Third Group Of Illegals Are Being [sic] Brought In By Joe Biden And The Democrats."** "[Bill Melugin:] Remarkable footage showing migrants heading to a port of entry in Tijuana to enter the US via the CBP One cell phone app, which Biden/Harris have been using to admit roughly 1,500 migrants into the US every single day for the past nearly two years. Nearly 900k since Jan. 2023. [Ben Bergquam – Real America's Voice:] BREAKING footage from Tijuana Mexico (Happening now)! The third group of illegals are bring [sic] brought in by Joe Biden and the Democrats under the CVP1 app. Everyone you see walking up the ramp is part of it. [...]" [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/26/24](#)]



- **Real America's Voice Broadcast Had "A Lineup Of Right-Wing Shows Hosted By Fringe Media Personalities."** "New findings from Media Matters reveal that right-wing news broadcaster Real America's Voice published QAnon conspiracy theory content on its platform in 2018 and 2019, exposing the outlet as directly propagating QAnon-aligned media. Real America's Voice broadcasts a lineup of right-wing shows hosted by fringe media personalities, including former Trump advisers Steve Bannon and Gina Loudon, right-wing media personality John Fredericks, and former guest panelist on NBC's Meet the Press David Brody, among others." [Media Matters for America, [12/25/21](#)]

## Desmond Cozied Up To Trump Administration Officials And Their Allies To Drum Up Fear About The Border

**2025: A San Diego Columnist Wrote That Desmond “Leaned More To The Right As Supervisor, Largely Supporting Trump On Such Issues As Immigration”**

**2025: Michael Smolens Column: “Desmond, Who Appeared To Be A Moderate, Pro-Business Mayor, Has Leaned More To The Right As Supervisor, Largely Supporting Trump On Such Issues As Immigration And Covid Policies.”** “Republican Supervisor Jim Desmond also is termed out of his North County District 5, where he was re-elected in a landslide in 2022, even though the district has been trending Democratic. [...] Desmond, who appeared to be a moderate, pro-business mayor, has leaned more to the right as supervisor, largely supporting Trump on such issues as immigration and COVID policies.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Editorial, [7/4/25](#)]

**January 2025: Desmond Spoke Enthusiastically And Posed For A Photo With White House Border Czar Tom Homan**

**January 20, 2025: Desmond Spoke Enthusiastically About His Meeting With Tom Homan.** “When I met with Tom Homan about a week ago, I asked him, Are you going to secure the border? He looked me straight in the eye and said, On Day 1!” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/20/25](#)]



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[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/20/25](#)]

**January 10, 2025: Desmond Posed For A Photo With Tom Homan.** “I had a great conversation with Tom Homan about border security, the thousands of street releases we've seen in San Diego County, and—most importantly—his plan to secure the border on Day 1! We must protect our communities, and I’m confident Tom has the leadership to get it done!” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/10/25](#)]

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**Trump Tapped Tom Homan To Be The White House “Border Czar.”** “President-elect Donald Trump’s picks to serve in top jobs in his next administration have generally stayed off the airwaves to avoid any verbal slipups that might jeopardize their chances at getting confirmed by the Senate. Not so with Tom Homan. Homan, who was the acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement during Trump’s first term in office, has been tapped to be the new White House ‘border czar.’ The job does not require Senate confirmation, meaning Homan has the freedom to go on cable news and conservative media and promote Trump’s agenda.” [NBC News, [12/11/24](#)]

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### September 2024: Desmond Hosted JD Vance During A Campaign Stop At The Southern Border

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**September 2024: Desmond Said He Welcomed JD Vance To The Southern Border.** “Yesterday, I had the privilege of welcoming Senator JD Vance to the Southern Border, where I showed him firsthand the severe impact of our broken immigration system. I truly appreciate the Senator’s commitment to understanding how current open border policies are affecting our region. Over the past year, more than 155,000 migrants have been street released in San Diego County alone. Millions of local taxpayer dollars have been diverted to cover the costs associated with illegal immigration—money that could have been better spent on our residents and vital services. Our border facilities are now beyond capacity, placing an immense strain on our resources.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [9/7/24](#)]



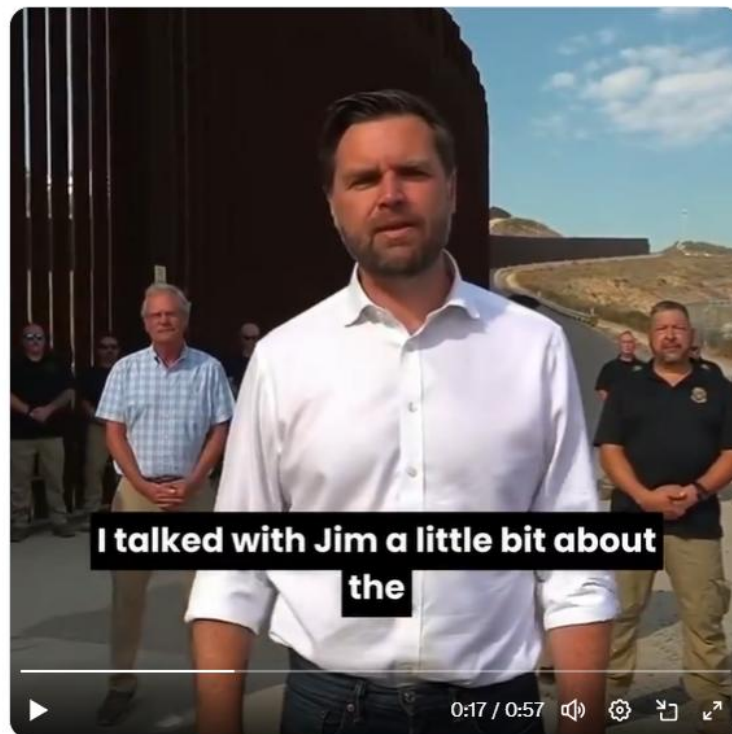
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[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [9/7/24](#)]

**Desmond Wrote About Vance's Visit On His County Supervisor Website.** "This past Friday, I welcomed Senator JD Vance to the southern border, where I showed him firsthand the severe impact of our broken immigration system. I appreciate the Senator's commitment to understanding how current open border policies affect our region." [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Senator JD Vance Visits Southern Border, accessed [4/24/26](#)]

**Desmond Posted A Photo Of Himself And Vance At The Southern Border.** [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Senator JD Vance Visits Southern Border, accessed [4/24/26](#)]



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**September 2024: Desmond Testified Before Congress At A Hearing About Migrants And The Border That Immigration Had Strained San Diego County’s Resources**

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**September 2024: Desmond Testified Before Congress At A Hearing Titled, “A Country Without Borders: How The Biden-Harris Open-Borders Policies Have Undermined Our Safety And Security.”** “County Supervisor Jim Desmond testified before the House Committee on Homeland Security in Washington on Wednesday, telling lawmakers that the arrival of so many migrants — many of them asylum seekers — has strained San Diego County’s resources and raised concerns about how border-crossers entering the U.S. are vetted for security threats. The hearing, titled ‘A Country Without Borders: How the Biden-Harris Open-Borders Policies Have Undermined Our Safety and Security,’ included former San Diego Chief Patrol Agent Aaron Heitke, the Santa Cruz County sheriff and the mother of a woman who was allegedly killed by an undocumented immigrant.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [9/18/24](#)]

- **VIDEO: Desmond Testified Before The House Homeland Security Committee.** [C-SPAN, House Hearing on Biden Administration Border Policy, [9/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

**Desmond Told Committee Members That San Diego County Spent \$6 Million To Operate A Temporary Migrant Center, Which Had To Close When Funding Ran Out.** “Desmond, a Republican who represents North County areas, pointed to the estimated 155,000 newly arrived migrants who were released onto the streets of San Diego County after being processed by the U.S. Border Patrol from September 2023 to June. He shared with committee members how the county spent \$6 million to operate a temporary migrant center to assist people who had recently been released and were on their way to their final destinations — but the facility had to close earlier than expected when funding ran out earlier this year.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [9/18/24](#)]

**Desmond Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Threatened Food Assistance For More Than 5.3 Million California Residents While Adding \$3.4 Trillion To The National Debt And Slashing Taxes For Multimillionaires Like Himself**

## 2026: Desmond Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

### May 2026: Desmond Said He Would Fight To Protect Provisions Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

**May 2026: Desmond: “I Will Fight To Protect The Tax Relief Secured Under The Working Family Tax Cuts Act.”** “Ahead of the June primary election, the Southern California News Group compiled a list of questions to pose to the candidates who wish to represent you. [...] [Desmond:] I will fight to protect the tax relief secured under the Working Family Tax Cuts Act, cut the regulatory burden on small employers, and promote an environment where innovation and emerging industries can grow and succeed right here in Southern California.” [Orange County Register, [5/5/26](#)]

- **Republican Strategists Advised Lawmakers To Rebrand Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill As The “Working Family Tax Cuts.”** “For months, President Donald Trump’s main message about the sweeping bill he pushed through Congress was that it was ‘big’ and ‘beautiful.’ [...] Two Republican strategists said they are advising lawmakers to sell the act to a wider audience using different titles: the ‘Working Family Tax Cuts’ act or possibly the ‘Trump Working Family Tax Cuts.’” [NBC News, [7/15/25](#)]

### March 2026: Desmond Said He Was Happy To Follow In The Footsteps Of Rep. Darrell Issa, Who Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill

**VIDEO: March 2026: “I’m Very Honored To Have Darrell Issa’s Endorsement.”** DESMOND: “I’m very honored to have Darrell Issa’s endorsement. We’re sad that he stepped down. He was a great member of Congress, but I’m happy to follow in his footsteps.” [Real America’s Voice, 12:03, [3/9/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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**July 2025: Rep. Issa Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill Act.** In July 2025, Issa voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

## The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For More Than 25,000 Households In CA-48

### Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cut In The Program’s History

**Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.”** “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version’s nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than

the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **Axios: “The Bill Would Reduce Nutrition Funding, Which Includes SNAP, By Around \$186 Billion Between 2025 And 2034.”** “By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. While analyst's projections have fluctuated as the legislation's provisions are tweaked, analysts have indicated millions of people could be cut from SNAP under the work requirement provisions.” [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Reconciliation Bill Proposes Deepest SNAP Cut In History, Would Take Food Assistance Away From Millions of Low-Income Families.”** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/28/25](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut SNAP By Around \$186 Billion.** “President Trump's massive tax and spending bill, which is advancing through the House after surviving its Republican push through the Senate, would slash food benefits for thousands. The big picture: It would mark a historic cut to the social safety net that Republicans claim weeds out waste, fraud and abuse — but experts say the restructuring of assistance programs could leave more people hungry and uninsured. [...] By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034.” [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]

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### The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For More Than 5.3 Million California Residents

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**2024: Center On Budget And Policy Priorities: More Than 5.3 Million California Residents Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, California CalFresh, [1/21/25](#)]

#### Whom Does SNAP Reach?

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In federal fiscal year 2024, it helped:

- **5,380,000** California residents, or **14%** of the state population (**1 in 7**)
- **41,697,500** participants in the United States, or **12%** of the total population (**1 in 8**)

[Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, California CalFresh, [1/21/25](#)]

### The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut More Than \$44 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In CA-48

**Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In CA-48 Were Projected To Lose More Than \$44 Million As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts.** [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To CA-48 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	City	Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue
Desert Hospital	Palm Springs	\$29,495,042.00
Hemet Valley Medical Center	Hemet	\$7,036,342.00
Temecula Valley Hospital	Temecula	\$6,600,727.00
KFH San Marcos Hospital	San Marcos	\$1,301,304.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$44,433,415.00</b>

[Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

*NOTE: The figures in the table above refer to CA-48 after voters passed Prop 50.*

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“President Donald Trump’s ‘big, beautiful bill,’ which he signed into law this month, will add \$3.4 trillion to the U.S. national debt over the next decade, according to a report the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office published Monday.” [NBC News, [7/21/25](#)]

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## **Desmond Was A Multimillionaire And The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Billions In Tax Breaks To The Ultra-Wealthy At The Expense Of Working Families**

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### **2025: Desmond Reported A Net Worth Of Up To About \$21 Million**

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**2025: Desmond Reported A Net Worth Of Between \$4,115,009 And \$21,399,998.** [U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

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## **Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026**

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**Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026.** “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

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## **The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Giving Them Tax Cuts Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans**

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**The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest.** “The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it’s actually ‘beautiful’ is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That’s a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion’s share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households.” [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

**The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Extended The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Skewed In Favor Of The Wealthy By Providing Them Tax Cuts That Were Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans.** “The tax provisions of the House Republican reconciliation bill double down on the failures of the 2017 tax law, which was skewed in favor of the richest people in the country, further eroded the nation’s revenue base, and didn’t produce the promised economic gains for working people. Instead of changing course and prioritizing people with low and moderate incomes as House Republicans’ rhetoric about supporting hard-pressed working families would suggest, the House Republican tax bill only offers more of the same. The bill is heavily skewed to the wealthy: Under the bill, the top 1 percent of people would receive tax cuts three times the size of those for people with incomes in the bottom 60 percent, measured as a share of after-tax income. (See Figure 1.) The top 0.6 percent of people — the 1.2 million people with annual incomes above \$1 million — would receive more total tax cuts than the 127 million people with incomes below \$100,000. [...] The bill extends and expands the 2017 tax law’s increase in the estate tax exemption, boosting the cut in estate taxes for the 1 in 1,000 wealthiest estates to \$6.3 million. Next year a couple could pass on an estate worth up to \$30 million tax free, \$1.7 million more than under a simple extension of the 2017 law.” [CBPP, [5/22/25](#)]

**CBS News: “Like Penn Wharton, Other Researchers Have Said The Republican Bill Is Likely To Benefit Wealthy Americans At The Expense Of People Lower Down The Ladder.”** “Like Penn Wharton, other researchers have said the Republican bill is likely to benefit wealthy Americans at the expense of people lower down the ladder. The measure would likely reduce the financial resources available to the lowest-earning 10% of U.S. households by \$1,600 per year, or almost 4% of their annual income, according to a report published earlier this month by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. White House officials have previously questioned the CBO's scoring of the bill. But the highest-earning 10% of households would see a gain of \$12,000 per year in resources, while middle-income households would see a gain of \$500 to \$1,000, the CBO projected. Its analysis is based on the bill's tax breaks, as well as reductions for federal programs and reductions in state funds for safety net programs such as Medicaid and food stamps. In considering the impact of higher U.S. debt on future generations, the cost would come in the form of lower wages and higher costs, such as more expensive mortgages, Smetters said.” [CBS News, [6/26/25](#)]

**The Hill: “The Republicans’ ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make The Poorest Americans Even Poorer, While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners The Most, According To An Analysis Released Monday By Congress’s Budget Arm.”** “The Republicans’ ‘big, beautiful bill’ will make the poorest Americans even poorer, while padding the wallets of the highest earners the most, according to an analysis released Monday by Congress’s budget arm. The assessment, conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) at the request of top Democrats, found that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in the law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease of \$1,200. The report challenges the arguments made by President Trump and other Republicans that the massive domestic policy package would benefit workers at all levels of wealth and income. And it’s given fuel to the attacks from Democrats that the legislation was, all along, designed to help the wealthiest people at the expense of the working poor.” [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

- **The Hill Headline: “Budget Office Says GOP’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer.”** [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

**Desmond Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Projected To Kick More Than 2.2 Million California Residents Off Their Health Insurance, And Voted Multiple Times Against Protecting Health Services In San Diego County**

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***March 2026: Desmond Said He Was Happy To Follow In The Footsteps Of Rep. Darrell Issa, Who Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill***

**VIDEO: March 2026: “I’m Very Honored To Have Darrell Issa’s Endorsement.”** DESMOND: “I’m very honored to have Darrell Issa’s endorsement. We’re sad that he stepped down. He was a great member of Congress, but I’m happy to follow in his footsteps.” [Real America’s Voice, 12:03, [3/9/26](#)] (VIDEO)

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**July 2025: Rep. Issa Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill Act.** In July 2025, Issa voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

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**2025: Desmond Downplayed Concerns About New Work Requirements For Medicaid In The One Big Beautiful Bill**

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**2025: San Diego Union-Tribune: “Desmond Downplayed Concerns About New Work Requirements For Recipients Of Medicaid And SNAP.”** “Desmond downplayed concerns about new work requirements for recipients of Medicaid and SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, pointing to various exemptions.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/18/25](#)]

- **Desmond Said People Would Not Lose Federal Assistance If They Followed Rules Such As Volunteering Or Enrolling In School.** “Supervisor Jim Desmond voted against the proposal on Tuesday. He said it was a great idea for the foundation to pay for part of the contracts, but he felt the board letter’s language was too political and somewhat misleading. People won’t lose federal assistance if they follow rules such as offering to volunteer or enroll in school, Desmond said. He also took issue with the proposal not needing further board approval. ‘It sounds great, but I’d like to see it before it comes back,’ Desmond added.” [Patch, [11/20/25](#)]

**2025: Desmond Said He Supported Better Verification For Medicaid And Medi-Cal Programs.** “‘I wish we had unlimited funds to pay for all those things, but we don’t,’ said Desmond, who added he supports better verification for Medicaid and Medi-Cal programs to prevent fraud and waste.” [KPBS, [6/24/25](#)]

***2025: In Discussing New Eligibility And Work Requirements For Medicaid, Desmond Said They Were Not “Devastating Requirements And Cuts” ...***

**November 2025: In Discussing New Eligibility And Work Requirements For Medicaid And SNAP, Desmond Said, “These Are Described As Devastating Requirements And Cuts,” But “I Think These Are Good Achievable Goals.”** “Philanthropic leaders see threats to those needs from Republican-led legislation signed by President Donald Trump that cut funding for Medicaid and food stamps, while imposing new eligibility and work requirements for some people who use the programs. [...] Desmond downplayed concerns about new work requirements for recipients of Medicaid and SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, pointing to various exemptions. For Medicaid, exemptions extend to people with children under 13, disabled veterans, people

who are medically frail and Native Americans, among others. SNAP recipients are exempt if they have children or certain disabilities, or are a veteran or homeless. ‘These are described as devastating requirements and cuts,’ he said. ‘I think these are good achievable goals. Those who really need the benefits will remain on them.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/18/25](#)]

***...Even Though Desmond Previously Said Thousands Of People Could Lose Coverage When Medi-Cal Redetermined Eligibility Years Before***

**2023: When Medi-Cal Redetermined Eligibility, Desmond Said Thousands Of People Could Potentially Lose Coverage If They Did Not Update Their Information.** “With the State of Emergency ending, Medi-Cal is going to begin the process of redetermining eligibility for Medi-Cal/Covered CA. Thousands of people will have a change in eligibility and could potentially lose their coverage if they don’t take steps to update their information.” [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [2/16/23](#)]

**Supervisor Jim Desmond** ✓  
@jim\_desmond

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**Keep Your Medi-Cal**  
DHCS

Don't miss important information about your Medi-Cal health coverage.  
Make sure that your county has your current contact information.

Contact your local county office – online, by phone, email or fax, or in person – to report any changes to your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address.  
To find a listing of county offices, visit [dhcs.ca.gov/COL](#), or call the Medi-Cal Member Helpline at (800) 541-5555.

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- E-mail

**Did You Know?**  
You can complete your annual renewal and report changes to your Medi-Cal online.  
Create your online account today by going to [mybenefitscalwin.org](#) and selecting the "Create An Account" link.

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[Jim Desmond, Twitter, [2/16/23](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History, Slashing Local Hospital Revenue, And Was Projected To Kick More Than 2.2 Million People In California Off Their Health Insurance**

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In The Program's History**

**The Hill: Republicans Passed “The Largest Cuts To Medicaid Since The Program Began In The 1960s.”** “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

- **The Hill: The Republicans’ Reconciliation Bill Made About \$1 Trillion In Cuts To Medicaid.** “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Take Health Insurance Away From More Than 14 Million People**

**KFF: “CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034.”** [KFF, [8/20/25](#)]

**Rolling Stone Headline: “Congress Officially Passes Trump’s Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid.”** [Rolling Stone, [7/3/25](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick More Than 2.2 Million People In California Off Their Health Insurance**

**June 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 2.2 Million People In California’s Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA.** “According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)’s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO’s analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance in each state.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, [June 2025](#)]

<b>California: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill</b>		
<b>Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage</b>	<b>Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage</b>	<b>Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance</b>
695,285	1,507,358	2,202,643

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, [June 2025](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Driving Up Health Care Costs For More Than 1.9 Million Individuals In California On Marketplace Plans**

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For More Than 1.9 Million Individuals In California That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans**

**2025: More Than 1.9 Million Individuals In California Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans.** [KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

<b>Number Of California Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>ACA Marketplace Enrollees</b>
California	1,979,504

[KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

**KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026.** “For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

**The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans.** “The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike.” [Center for American Progress, [7/29/25](#)]

- **The Majority Of Insurers Took Into Account The Potential Expiration Of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For Their Rate Increases.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]
- **The Majority Of Insurers Assumed Enhanced Tax Credits Would Expire At The End Of 2025, Which Caused Them To Raise Their Rates By An Average Of 4%.** “Uncertainty over federal policy changes has forced insurers to make some assumptions when developing their rates for 2026. Commonly mentioned by insurers is the impact of the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits, which are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025, unless extended by Congress. The majority of insurers have assumed that enhanced tax credits will expire at the end of this year, driving rates an average of 4 percentage points higher than they otherwise would be. These increased rates are due to insurers anticipating that some healthier members will leave the ACA Marketplaces when their subsidies decrease, creating an enrollee base that is less healthy and more expensive on average.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]
- **The Expiration Of Enhanced Tax Credits Would Lead To Out-Of-Pocket Premiums For ACA Marketplace Enrollees Increasing By An Average Of Over 75%.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [KFF Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

**2025-2026: Desmond Voted Multiple Times Against Protecting Health Services In Light Of The One Big Beautiful Bill, Including Voting Against Warning San Diego County Residents About Potential Funding Cuts To Medi-Cal**

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**March 2025: Desmond Voted Against Notifying San Diego County Residents About Potential Funding Cuts To Medi-Cal And Said “There Are Gonna Have To Be Cuts Somewhere” At The Federal Level**

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***March 2025: Desmond Voted Against Sending Notice To More Than One Million San Diego County Residents Who Could Be Impacted By Potential Funding Cuts To Federal Programs Such As Medi-Cal***

**March 2025: Desmond Voted Against Sending Notice To More Than One Million San Diego County Residents Who Could Be Impacted By Potential Funding Cuts To Federal Programs.** “A proposal asking San Diego County to send notice to more than one million residents who could be impacted by potential funding cuts to federal programs failed to advance Tuesday, after a tie vote by the Board of Supervisors. Board Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer presented a policy to instruct the county chief administrative officer to develop a strategy to send a ‘notice of funding at risk’ to all federally funded program beneficiaries, which would have included contact information for the White House and the Department of Government Efficiency. Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe voted in favor, while Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond were opposed.” [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

**Nearly 900,000 San Diego County Residents Get Health Care Coverage Through Medi-Cal.** “A total of 1.2 million people in San Diego County receive support from at least one federally funded assistance program, including 50,000 who receive job training and financial assistance benefits, 400,000 who receive food assistance benefits, and nearly 900,000 who get health care coverage through Medi-Cal.” [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

***Desmond Said The Country Had A \$36 Trillion Debt And “There Are Gonna Have To Be Cuts Somewhere”***

**In Discussing His Opposition To Warning Residents About Potential Federal Program Cuts, Desmond Said The Country Had \$36 Trillion In Debt And, “There Are Gonna Have To Be Cuts Somewhere.”** “A proposal asking San Diego County to send notice to more than one million residents who could be impacted by potential funding cuts to federal programs failed to advance Tuesday, after a tie vote by the Board of Supervisors. [...] Desmond pointed out that the House of Representatives was voting Tuesday on a continuing resolution that if passed, would mean any cuts might not go into effect until September. ‘We’re too much in flux,’ said Desmond, who added that the nation is \$36 trillion in debt, and ‘there are gonna have to be cuts somewhere.’” [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

- **Desmond: “Federal Government Has A Lane And We Have A Lane.”** “He said it could cost \$1 million for staff to send out such notifications in the form of mailers or flyers. Desmond said he didn’t think the county has a role in terms of informing people about federal benefit changes. ‘Federal government has a lane and we have a lane,’ Desmond said. The board’s discussion occasionally became heated. Lawson-Remer said Desmond didn’t want to let people know about benefit changes, and Desmond responded that he didn’t want her commentary on his statements, while some members of the audience booed.” [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

**Desmond Said The U.S. House Was Voting On A Continuing Resolution That Would Delay Any Cuts Until September.** “Desmond pointed out that the House of Representatives was voting Tuesday on a continuing resolution that if passed, would mean any cuts might not go into effect until September. ‘We’re too much in flux,’ said Desmond, who added that the nation is \$36 trillion in debt, and ‘there are gonna have to be cuts somewhere.’” [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

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**May 2025: Amid Looming Federal Budget Cuts, Desmond Voted Against A Proposal To Tap Into The County’s Reserve Funds To Prevent Cuts To Services**

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**May 2025: Desmond Voted Against A Proposal To Tap Into The County’s Reserve Funds To Prevent Cuts To Services.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors Tuesday rejected a proposal to tap into the county’s reserve funds to prevent cuts to services being threatened by a budget crunch. After a robust debate and public feedback, the board voted 2-1-1, with the two sponsors Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery Steppe in support, Jim Desmond opposed and Joel Anderson abstaining.” [KPBS, [5/9/25](#)]

- **The Proposal Failed With Two Votes In Favor, Desmond Opposed, And One Abstention.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors Tuesday rejected a proposal to tap into the county’s reserve funds to prevent cuts to services being threatened by a budget crunch. After a robust debate and public feedback, the board voted 2-

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**The Proposal Came Amid Looming Federal And State Budget Cuts To Programs Administered By The County.** “Lawson-Remer and Montgomery Steppe introduced the proposal to ‘safeguard public health, housing and vital care systems,’ citing looming state and federal budget cuts to multiple programs the county administers. [...] Before the vote, Montgomery Steppe stressed the need to be ready for possible federal cuts, including billions to the Medicaid program. ‘I think we’d be crazy not to acknowledge that’s what’s going on, no matter what side we’re on, no matter what (political) party we identify with, these are facts and they’re right in front of our face,’ she added.” [KPBS, [5/9/25](#)]

**Desmond: “Just Like Any Family Tightening Their Belt During Tough Times, The Government Must Rein In Spending And Stop Funding Programs That Don’t Directly Serve Our Residents, Not Spend More Money.”** “Anderson and Desmond also oppose tapping into reserves. ‘While I always support getting the highest and best use of the tax money that our constituents have entrusted us with, we can’t follow the state government’s lead of raiding every account for pet special interest projects,’ Andersons said in a statement this week. ‘Over the past few years, the county workforce has grown by 2,500 new positions, and several new departments have been created — departments we simply cannot afford,’ Desmond told the Union-Tribune last month. ‘Just like any family tightening their belt during tough times, the government must rein in spending and stop funding programs that don’t directly serve our residents, not spend more money.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [5/1/25](#)]

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**June 2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Directing County Staff To Prepare For Anticipated Cost Shifts In The Budget In Light Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Working Its Way Through Congress**

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**June 2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against A Proposal Directing County Staff To Prepare For Anticipated Cost Shifts In The Federal Budget.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors Tuesday voted 3-1 in favor of an amended proposal directing county staff to prepare for anticipated cost shifts in the federal budget. [...] Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe and Joel Anderson voted yes, while Jim Desmond voted no.” [KPBS, [6/24/25](#)]

**The Proposal Came In Response To The One Big Beautiful Bill Working Its Way Through Congress, Which Would Reduce Federal Medicaid Assistance, Add New Requirements For Medi-Cal Eligibility, And Shift CalFresh Food Benefits To Counties.** “Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery Steppe issued a board letter in response to the proposed federal budget, which is now awaiting approval in the U.S. Senate. [...] According to Lawson-Remer and Montgomery Steppe, the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a budget reconciliation bill backed by President Donald Trump, would: — reduce the federal medical assistance percentage for Medicaid’s Affordable Care Act expansion population, causing an estimated \$10 million shortfall for behavioral health services; — call for new requirements, including on work status, for Medi-Cal eligibility, which could potentially disrupt coverage for almost 900,000 San Diego County-area residents and increase the administrative burden; and — shift more CalFresh food benefits and administrative expenses to states and counties, potentially costing San Diego County an extra \$276 million and affecting over 400,000 residents who rely on the program.” [KPBS, [6/24/25](#)]

**Desmond Said Federal And State Budget Deficits Were The “Whole Reason We’re In This Mess ... So We Either Raise Taxes On Everybody To Make Up For That, Or Make Some Cuts.”** “Desmond said federal and state budget deficits are the ‘whole reason we’re in this mess ... so we either raise taxes on everybody to make up for that, or make some cuts.’ Desmond said deliberations over the federal budget aren’t done.” [KPBS, [6/24/25](#)]

**In Opposing The Proposal, Desmond Said The County Needed To Protect Its Resources “For The People Who Need Them Most — American Citizens Who Are Struggling To Make Ends Meet.”** “In a statement after the vote, Desmond said the county needed to protect its limited resources ‘for the people who need them most — American citizens who are struggling to make ends meet.’ ‘California is already facing a \$12 billion deficit, and even Governor (Gavin) Newsom has acknowledged the cost by proposing a freeze in Medi-Cal enrollment for undocumented immigrants, Desmond added.” [KPBS, [6/24/25](#)]

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**September 2025: Desmond Voted Against Establishing A Subcommittee To Develop A Strategy To Address Fiscal Threats, Including Those Caused By The One Big Beautiful Bill**

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**September 2025: Desmond Voted Against Establishing A Subcommittee To Develop A Strategy To Address Fiscal Threats, Including Those Caused By The One Big Beautiful Bill.** “The federal administration has withdrawn critical financial support, especially for the safety net programs that protect San Diego's most vulnerable. The recently passed ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ (OBBA), introduced as H.R. 1, cuts federal spending by \$1.4 trillion over the next 10 years, including \$187 billion from SNAP and \$917 billion from Medicaid. OBBA will cost the County at least \$300 million per year in lost funding and increased administrative expenses alone, putting 400,000 San Diegans at risk of losing health insurance and 100,000 San Diegans at risk of losing food assistance. [...] 1. Establish an ad hoc subcommittee of this Board, entitled the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Sustainable Fiscal Planning (Subcommittee), and appoint Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer and Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe for the purpose of exploring, studying, planning, and developing a strategy to address emerging fiscal threats in order to sustain County services and invest in the well-being of all San Diegans. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended. AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Anderson, Desmond” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [9/30/25](#)]

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**November 2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Exploring Options To Provide No-Cost Medical Care In Response To The One Big Beautiful Bill**

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**November 2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Directing County Staff To Explore Options To Provide No-Cost Medical Care And Improve Food Security Efforts In Response To The One Big Beautiful Bill.** “Shifts in federal policy, including the implementation of H.R. 1, have created new barriers for residents seeking access to social safety net services. Revised Medi-Cal and CalFresh eligibility requirements will put thousands of San Diego County residents at risk of losing vital services. [...] 1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to: a. Explore partnership opportunities between County-operated clinics at one or more of the County's Live Well Centers or other County locations and local healthcare providers to provide no-cost primary care medical services co-located with access to additional social services, as a Transitional Access Clinic. [...] 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore recommendations from the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Justice's Food Justice Community Action Plan including, but not limited to: a. Expanding partnerships across public, private, and community sectors to strengthen and innovate local food security efforts. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended. AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [11/4/25](#)]

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**November 2025: Desmond Voted Against A Partnership With The San Diego Foundation That Would Free Up About \$13 Million In The County's Budget Amid Potential Rising Costs Due To New Medicaid Rules**

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**November 2025: Desmond Voted Against A Partnership With The San Diego Foundation That Would Free Up About \$13 Million In The County's Next Annual Budget.** “San Diego County will see about \$13 million freed up in its next annual budget under a new partnership that supervisors approved Tuesday with the San Diego Foundation. Under the agreement, the foundation will cover \$18 million of bills the county has with its social services contractors. [...] Supervisors voted 4-1 in support of the partnership, with Supervisor Jim Desmond voting against it.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/18/25](#)]

**San Diego County Estimated It Could Cost \$300 Million A Year To Administer New Rules For Medicaid And SNAP.** “Philanthropic leaders see threats to those needs from Republican-led legislation signed by President Donald Trump that cut funding for Medicaid and food stamps, while imposing new eligibility and work requirements for some people who use the programs. [...] County estimates indicate it could still cost the county up to \$300 million a year to administer the new rules, and to cover potential cost-sharing for food stamps.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/18/25](#)]

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**2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Directing County Staff To Recommend Targeted Reforms To The County Medical Services In Light Of The One Big Beautiful Bill**

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**2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Directing County Staff To Analyze And Recommend Targeted Reforms To The County Medical Services (CMS) In Light Of Anticipated Federal And State Health Care Coverage Changes.** “ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: 1. Waived Board Policy A-72 Agenda and Related Process, Section 2.C.2.ii, which establishes required timelines for review when preparing a Board Letter. 2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in collaboration with the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), to analyze and recommend targeted reforms to County Medical Services (CMS) in light of anticipated federal and state healthcare coverage changes and evaluation of the feasibility, fiscal implications, and equity impacts of any proposed recommendations. [...] AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/3/26](#)]

**The Legislative Overview Noted Federal Changes Under H.R. 1 And State Actions Were Expected To Increase Health Care Coverage Loss.** “San Diego County is at a critical inflection point in the evolution of our safety net health systems. Federal changes under H.R. 1, coupled with related State implementation actions beginning in 2026, are expected to increase healthcare coverage loss and administrative barriers for residents enrolled in Medi-Cal and other public programs. As eligibility standards tighten and redetermination requirements expand, more San Diegans are likely to experience temporary or long-term gaps in healthcare coverage.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/3/26](#)]

- **H.R. 1 Was Known As The One Big Beautiful Bill.** “More stories have been published across the country in recent weeks detailing how the federal cuts to health care passed last year by Congress and signed into law by President Trump in H.R. 1, ‘The One Big Beautiful Bill’, are affecting communities.” [Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Blog, [5/1/26](#)]

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**Desmond Skipped A Board Of Supervisors Meeting About Behavioral Health To Go On A Fox Show Even Though He Frequently Said Mental Health Was A Priority**

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**March 2025: Desmond Skipped A Special Meeting Of The Board Of Supervisors Where The Board Received Behavioral Health And Substance Use Recommendations To Appear On A Fox Show**

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**March 4, 2025: Desmond Was Absent From A Special Meeting Of The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors Where The Board Received Recommendations To Address Behavioral Health and Substance Use**

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**March 4, 2025: Desmond Was Absent From A Special Meeting Of The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors.** “PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant).” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/4/25](#)]

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, 11:00 AM  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER  
BOARD CHAMBER, ROOM 310  
1600 PACIFIC HIGHWAY SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

Order Of Business

- A. REGULAR SESSION – Special Meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

PRESENT: Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice-Chair; Joel Anderson; Monica Montgomery Steppe; also, Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

ABSENT: Supervisor Jim Desmond; (District 1 Seat Vacant)

- B. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Supervisor, if applicable.

[San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/4/25](#)]

**March 4, 2025: The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors Received Recommendations To Address Behavioral Health And Substance Use During Its Meeting.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors is reviewing Wednesday the merits of a plan to create 16,000 behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment ‘slots’ by 2030. [...] The board voted 3-0 to receive the presentation, and directed Chief Administrative Officer Ebony Shelton to return with updates on the program in August. Supervisor Jim Desmond was absent on Tuesday.” [Patch, [3/5/25](#)]

- **The Board Voted 3-0 To Receive The Presentation.** “The board voted 3-0 to receive the presentation, and directed Chief Administrative Officer Ebony Shelton to return with updates on the program in August. Supervisor Jim Desmond was absent on Tuesday.” [Patch, [3/5/25](#)]

**County Director Of Behavioral Health Luke Bergmann Said Medi-Cal Funding Covered 70% Of Costs Of The County’s Substance Use System.** “‘Over the last five years, we have built a crisis and diversionary service network that didn’t exist before,’ said Luke Bergmann, director of behavioral health for the county. [...] ‘Last year, Medi-Cal funding covered 70 percent of costs within our substance use system and while the details of future directions for the Medicaid program remain unclear, congressional proposals are already on the table that would have a huge financial impact on the State of California,’ Bergmann said. ‘If they were adopted, the loss of Medi-Cal funding would have ripple effects across all behavioral health programs in San Diego County.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [3/4/25](#)]

- **Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe Urged Residents To Oppose Cuts To Medi-Cal.** “Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe said the approach ‘of simply creating places to put people’ won’t address the broader issue or serve people in need. [...] Montgomery Steppe noted that nearly 1 million San Diegans are enrolled in Medi-Cal, the state program. ‘This is a true risk and we have been working and will not accept this threat passively,’ she said, adding that residents and organizations need to be vocal about funding cuts.” [Patch, [3/5/25](#)]

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**March 4, 2025: Desmond Appeared On A Fox News Show That Aired At The Same Time As The Special Meeting**

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**March 4, 2025: Desmond Appeared On Fox Business Show Varney & Co.** [Fox Business, [3/4/25](#)] (VIDEO)



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**Varney & Co. Aired From 9:00 AM To 12:00 Noon Eastern Time.** “Stuart Varney takes over the critical market-open coverage with Varney & Co. (9-12PM/ET). The program, which is amongst the highest rated programs in business news, breaks down the latest in financial news and political headlines.” [Fox Business, Varny & Co., accessed [4/23/26](#)]

**March 4, 2025: The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors Special Meeting Was Called To Order At 11:02 AM Pacific Time And The Board Adjourned At 12:55 PM Pacific Time.** “REGULAR SESSION - Special Meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. [...] The Board adjourned the special meeting at 12:55 p.m.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Statement of Proceedings, [3/4/25](#)]

### **Desmond Frequently Mentioned Mental Health In Discussions About Other Issues, Including Homelessness And Gun Violence**

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**2023: Desmond Said Immigrant Legal Defense Funds Should Be Used To Address Mental Health**

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**2023: Desmond Said Funds Used To Provide Legal Representation To Nearly 800 Immigrants Facing Deportation Should Be Used To Address Mental Health and Homelessness.** “San Diego County provided attorneys to nearly 800 immigrants facing deportation in the first 15 months of a new program, leading to an increase in legal representation for immigrants in the region and a growing number of courtroom wins, according to a report. [...] Desmond and Anderson said the county should not spend money on immigration cases — which they characterized as a federal issue outside of the county’s responsibility. They said the funds should be used on pressing local issues, such as homelessness and mental health.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/8/23](#)]

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**2023: In Discussing His Opposition To Advancing A Gun Violence Study, Desmond Said The Focus Should Be On The “Mental Health Crisis”**

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**2023: In Discussing His Opposition To Advancing A Gun Violence Study With Recommendations, Desmond Said, “We’re Dealing With A Mental Health Crisis. That’s Absolutely Where The Focus Needs To Be.”** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has failed to advance a study on gun violence along with recommendations, with supervisors deadlocking Tuesday on a 2-2 vote. Prepared by Health Assessment and Research for Communities, the study offered statistics, public input, key findings and methods to lessen the problem, including safe gun storage. Board Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer voted in favor of the study, while Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond were opposed. According to the county board clerk, the board may consider formally approving the report at a future meeting. [...] But Desmond said the report showed him that ‘we're dealing with a mental health crisis. That's absolutely where the focus needs to be.’” [NBC 7, [7/18/23](#)]

**2023: Desmond Voted Against Advancing a Gun Violence Study, Which Failed To Pass.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has failed to advance a study on gun violence along with recommendations, with supervisors deadlocking Tuesday on a 2-2 vote. Prepared by Health Assessment and Research for Communities, the study offered statistics, public input, key findings and methods to lessen the problem, including safe gun storage. Board Chairwoman Nora Vargas and Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer voted in favor of the study, while Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond were opposed.” [NBC 7, [7/18/23](#)]

- **The Study Came After A 3-Year-Old Accidentally Shot And Killed His 1-Year-Old Sister In Fallbrook.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has failed to advance a study on gun violence along with recommendations, with supervisors deadlocking Tuesday on a 2-2 vote. [...] Vargas said the study was especially important and cited Monday's death of a 1-year-old girl who was accidentally shot and killed by her 3-year-old sibling in Fallbrook.” [NBC 7, [7/18/23](#)]

**2023: San Diego Union-Tribune: “Desmond Said He Did Not Support The Recommendations In Large Part Because He Believed They Did Not Focus Enough On Mental Health, Which He Sees As A Root Cause Of Gun Violence, Homelessness And Other Societal Issues.”** “In a split vote, the county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday rejected recommendations intended to curb gun violence, including efforts to give away gun locks. The recommended strategies were included in a board-commissioned report that was released a few weeks ago and took a close look at the prevalence of gun violence across the county, including suicides and homicides. [...] Desmond said he did not support the recommendations in large part because he believed they did not focus enough on mental health, which he sees as a root cause of gun violence, homelessness and other societal issues. ‘I think a mental health-centered approach is necessary to combat these complex issues,’ Desmond said during the meeting. ‘I would like to keep the county focused on mental health and safe storage to save lives.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [7/18/23](#)]

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tide of gun violence, it's better to focus on mental health issues, which he called the root cause of mass shootings. He advocated for more enforcement of existing laws, and said he favors harsher penalties for illegal gun use.” [KPBS, [6/14/22](#)]

- **After Mass Shootings In Uvalde And Buffalo, Desmond Voted Against Seeking Policy Recommendations That Would Enable The County To Sue Gun Manufacturers For Deaths Caused By Firearms.** “In the wake of recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas, Buffalo and elsewhere, San Diego County supervisors voted 3-2 today to seek out policy recommendations that would enable the county to sue gun manufacturers for deaths caused by firearms. Supervisors Nathan Fletcher, Terra Lawson-Remer and Nora Vargas voted in favor, while their colleagues Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond were opposed.” [KPBS, [6/14/22](#)]

## Abortion And Reproductive Freedom Issues

### 2025: Desmond Voted Against Having The County Join An Amicus Brief To Block New Federal Restrictions On Medicaid Funding For Reproductive Health Providers

**November 2025: Desmond Voted Against Having The County Join An Amicus Brief To Block New Federal Restrictions On Medicaid Funding For Reproductive Health Providers.** “Authorize County Counsel, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, to seek court permission to file or join an amicus curiae brief in either the trial or appellate court, as appropriate, on behalf of the County in support of Planned Parenthood's appellate court, as appropriate, or the multistate lawsuit led by California Attorney General Rob Bonta to block new federal restrictions on Medicaid funding for reproductive health providers. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended. AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Anderson, Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [11/18/25](#)]

**June 2025: The Supreme Court Ruled That States Can Bar Medicaid Payments To Planned Parenthood.** “The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Thursday that states can bar Medicaid payments to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. The federal government and many states already block using Medicaid funds to cover abortion. But the state-federal health insurance program for lower-income people does pay for other services from Planned Parenthood, including birth control, cancer screenings and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.” [PBS News, [6/27/25](#)]

### 2024: Desmond Voted Against Allowing The County To Secure An Emergency Stockpile Of Medication-Based Abortion Treatments

**May 2024: Desmond Voted Against Allowing The County To Secure An Emergency Stockpile Of Medication-Based Abortion Treatments.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors have passed a measure that will allow the county to secure an emergency stockpile of medication-based abortion treatments Misoprostol and Mifepristone. Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer, who made the proposal, was joined by colleagues Monica Montgomery Steppe and Nora Vargas. Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond voted no.” [KPBS, [5/1/24](#)]

**Desmond Said The County Had Nothing To Do With Pill Management And Said He Thought It Was Unlikely That Abortion Medications Would Ever Be Restricted In California.** “During the April 9 meeting, Desmond said the county has nothing to do with pill management — but the state of California has stockpiled 2 million of the abortion medication pills. He added that he thinks it's unlikely the abortion medications will ever be restricted in California.” [KPBS, [5/1/24](#)]

**April 2024: Guttmacher Institute: “Targeting Medication Abortion Use Has Become A Central Strategy Of Anti-Abortion Advocates And Policymakers.”** “Now that the US Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade, targeting medication abortion use has become a central strategy of anti-abortion advocates and policymakers. From state capitals to Congress to the courtroom, abortion opponents use misinformation about medication abortion in their efforts to eliminate access to all abortion.” [Guttmacher Institute, [4/2/24](#)]

**2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Advocating For Strengthening Access To Reproductive Health Care Services Including Abortion After The Leak Of The Supreme Court Decision Overturning Roe V. Wade**

**May 24, 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Advocating For Strengthening Access To Reproductive Health Care Services Including Abortion And Assessing Opportunities To Expand Partnerships With Reproductive Health Care Providers.** “Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to: 1. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of reproductive health care services offered by the County of San Diego and County health care contractors, including barriers to care, opportunities to optimize reproductive health care services and to expand partnerships with reproductive health care providers, opportunities to reduce and address health disparities for marginalized communities, and report back to the Board of Supervisors in 150 days. 2. In support of the findings from Recommendation One, and in accordance with Board Policies M1 and M2, advocate for regulatory, budgetary, and legislative efforts that strengthen access to reproductive rights and health care services, including abortion. ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [5/24/22](#)]

**May 2, 2022: NBC News Headline: “Draft Opinion Indicates Supreme Court Will Overturn Roe V. Wade, Politico Reports In Extraordinary Leak.”** [NBC News, [5/2/22](#)]

**2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Declaring San Diego County A “Champion Of Reproductive Freedom” And Called The Resolution “Politically Divisive”**

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**September 2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Declaring San Diego County A “Champion Of Reproductive Freedom.”** “After a lengthy and at times contentious public hearing, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 Tuesday to declare San Diego County a ‘champion of reproductive freedom.’ [...] Supervisor Jim Desmond was opposed, while Joel Anderson was absent due to an illness, according to a spokeswoman.” [Times of San Diego, [9/14/21](#)]

- **Times Of San Diego Headline: “SD County Supervisors Vote 3-1 For Reproductive Freedom Resolution.”** [Times of San Diego, [9/14/21](#)]

**The Resolution Called For San Diego County To “Serve As A Model And Commit To Defend And Fight For Reproductive Freedom, And Welcome All Those Seeking To Fully Exercise Their Reproductive Rights And Access Safe Legal Abortion.”** “After a lengthy and at times contentious public hearing, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 Tuesday to declare San Diego County a ‘champion of reproductive freedom.’ As proposed by Supervisor Nora Vargas, the resolution calls for the county to ‘serve as a model and commit to defend and fight for reproductive freedom, and welcome all those seeking to fully exercise their reproductive rights and access safe legal abortion.’ According to the resolution, ‘nearly 600 pieces of legislation attacking access to safe legal abortions and women’s rights were introduced around the nation this year alone, it is clear we must act to protect these hard fought rights.’” [Times of San Diego, [9/14/21](#)]

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## Arts And Culture Issues

### 2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Implementing The San Diego Arts And Culture Initiative

**2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Implementing The San Diego Arts And Culture Initiative.** “INVESTING IN ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL (DISTRICTS: ALL) [...] ACTION: Noting for the record that this item was heard on May 6, 2026; ON MOTION of Supervisor Lawson-Remer, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: 1. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to implement the Investing in San Diego County Arts and Culture Initiative as outlined below in consultation with relevant County departments and leadership, including, but not limited to, the Office of Economic Development and Government Affairs, Land Use and Environment Group, Department of General Services, Parks and Recreation, Office of Equity and Racial Justice, the Chief Binational Affairs Officer, and County Counsel, as appropriate. [...] AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [5/6/26](#)]

**The San Diego Arts And Culture Commission Was The Advisory Board For The Initiative, Which Included An Artist Grant Program, Artist-In-Residence Program, And Legislative Advocacy.** “The San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission shall serve as the advisory body for the implementation and ongoing support of this initiative, including program design, criteria, and community engagement. a. Artist Grant Program: Allocate \$1,000,000 in ongoing funding to design and implement a direct grant program for artists and cultural practitioners, with initial awards distributed by the end of fiscal year 2026-2027. [...] b. Artist-in-Residence Program for San Diego County: Allocate \$250,000 in ongoing funding to design and implement a San Diego County Artist-in-Residence Program, with initial placements by the end of Fiscal Year 2026-2027. [...] h. Legislative Advocacy for Arts and Culture Funding: Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the County’s Legislative Program support for legislation that would increase funding to support investment in arts, culture, and creative industries.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [5/6/26](#)]

## Business Improvement District Issues

### 2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Facilitating The Formation Of Business Improvement Districts

**2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Facilitating The Formation Of Business Improvement Districts And Exploring Funding Opportunities To Support Filipino Art And Heritage In National City.** “1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board within 120 days with appropriate recommendations including funding source, and actions for the Board to facilitate the formation of Business Improvement Districts, including drafting an enabling ordinance that would establish procedures and requirements for formation and operation of Business Improvement Districts within San Diego County. This includes any necessary legal research and consultation to establish assessment districts within the framework provided by State statutes and the California Constitution, and to reach out to the respective cities to determine interest in the formation of a business improvement district. 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to explore funding opportunities to support the installation of Filipino art and activities to celebrate Filipino heritage in National City, as well as advise on projects that uplift the diverse cultural identities of communities across the region, and to collaborate with Business Improvement Districts and other local arts commissions across the region, including the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer,

Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/24](#)]

**Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) Were Privately-Run But Publicly Sanctioned Organizations That Supplemented Public Services In A Specific Geographic Area.** “Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) are privately directed and publicly sanctioned organizations that supplement public services within geographically defined boundaries by generating multiyear revenue through a compulsory assessment on local property owners and/or businesses. BIDs are managed by public or nonprofit boards, predominantly with local business representation, and often including residents and local governments as well. BIDs create collective economic benefits for their members that cannot be achieved on an individual basis.” [Federal Highway Administration, Business Improvement Districts, accessed [5/15/26](#)]

## Consumer Protection Issues

### 2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Creating An Office Of Consumer Protection To Protect San Deigo County Residents From Seedy Landlords, Polluters And Scammers

**2026: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Creating An Office Of Consumer Protection.** “A new office to protect consumers from seedy landlords, polluters and scammers is coming to San Diego County. The county will join the ranks of other large California communities who have created consumer watchdog units in recent years, expanding the role local governments play in suing companies in civil court. [...] On Tuesday, her colleagues agreed. The Board of Supervisors approved creating the unit on a bipartisan vote, with Republican Joel Anderson joining the three Democrats. Republican Jim Desmond voted no.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [3/24/26](#)]

**San Diego Union-Tribune: “A New Office To Protect Consumers From Seedy Landlords, Polluters And Scammers Is Coming To San Diego County.”** “A new office to protect consumers from seedy landlords, polluters and scammers is coming to San Diego County. The county will join the ranks of other large California communities who have created consumer watchdog units in recent years, expanding the role local governments play in suing companies in civil court.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [3/24/26](#)]

- **Other Large California Communities Had Created Consumer Watchdog Units.** “A new office to protect consumers from seedy landlords, polluters and scammers is coming to San Diego County. The county will join the ranks of other large California communities who have created consumer watchdog units in recent years, expanding the role local governments play in suing companies in civil court.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [3/24/26](#)]

## COVID-19 Issues

### January 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Authorizing Continued Teleconference Public Meetings In Light Of COVID-19

**January 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Authorizing Continued Teleconference Public Meetings In Light Of COVID-19.** “A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) was detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province in China in December 2019. Since then, the virus has rapidly spread across the globe, resulting in the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020. On February 14, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued a Declaration of Local Health Emergency, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 101080. Additionally, on that day, pursuant to California Government Code 8630, the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), serving as the County of San Diego (County) Director of Emergency Services and as the Coordinator of the Unified San Diego County Emergency Services Organization, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency regarding COVID-19. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 22-003 entitled: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUANCE OF TELECONFERENCED

PUBLIC MEETINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953. AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [1/11/22](#)]

### **2021: Desmond Voted Against Declaring Health Misinformation A Public Health Crisis**

**2021: Desmond Voted Against Declaring Health Misinformation A Public Health Crisis.** “ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Vargas; the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 21-142, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DECLARING HEALTH MISINFORMATION A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher NOES: Anderson, Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [8/31/21](#)]

### **November 2020: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Ratifying Actions Taken By County Staff, Including The Public Health Officer, In Response To The COVID-19 Health Emergency**

**November 2020: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Receiving An Update On The COVID-19 Response And Ratifying Actions Taken By County Staff In Response To The Health Emergency.** “ACTION 8.1: ON MOTION of Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, adopting the following: 1. Received an update on the COVID-19 response. 2. Ratified all actions taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Public Health Officer, Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting and Director, Department of General Services in response to the local health emergency and local emergency. 3. Took any other action necessary to address the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response. a. Ratified continuation of the COVID-19 Positive Recovery Stipend Program beyond the initial \$2 million by utilizing CARES Act Funds under the T3 component of the CARES Act Framework and based on the value and need of the program, continued the program through the end of December which is estimated to be an additional \$2 million. AYES: Cox, Jacob, Fletcher NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Gaspar.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [11/17/20](#)]

## **Drug Policy Issues**

### **2019-2025: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Accepting More Than \$2.4 Million In Funds To Prevent The Illegal Sale Of Tobacco To Minors And Voted Against Banning Electronic Smoking Devices And Vaping Product Sales**

### **2025: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Accepting More Than \$2.4 Million From The California Tobacco Grant Program, Which Helped Local Law Enforcement Prevent Illegal Sales And Protect Minors**

**2025: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Accepting More Than \$2.4 Million In Grant Funds For The Tobacco Grant Program.** “1. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery of grants. 2. Authorize the acceptance of \$2,402,082 in grant funds from the California Department of Justice for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, for the Tobacco Grant Program and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, to execute all required grant documents, upon receipt, including any annual extensions, amendments, or revisions that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level. 3. Adopt a resolution of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors authorizing acceptance of a grant from the state of California Department of Justice Tobacco Grant Program under Proposition 56, the Healthcare, Research, and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. 4. Authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Health and Human Services Agency, or designee to apply for additional funding opportunity announcements, if available. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent, and adopted Resolution No. 25-018, entitled: A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

JUSTICE TOBACCO GRANT PROGRAM UNDER PROPOSITION 56, THE HEALTHCARE, RESEARCH AND PREVENTION TOBACCO TAX ACT OF 2016. AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe  
ABSENT: Desmond; (District I Seat Vacant).” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [4/22/25](#)]

**California’s Tobacco Grant Program Made Funds Available Annually To Local Law Enforcement Agencies To Reduce Illegal Retail Sales And Marketing Of Cigarettes And Tobacco Products To Minors.** “The California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (Proposition 56) funding helps promote a healthier California by reducing illegal retail sales and marketing of cigarettes and tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, to minors. The Tobacco Grant Program, administered by the Office of the Attorney General, makes these annual funds available to local law enforcement agencies throughout California. Since its inception in 2017, the Tobacco Grant Program has distributed approximately \$240 million in grant funding through a competitive process.” [California Attorney General, Tobacco Grant Program accessed [5/15/26](#)]

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**2020: Desmond Voted Against A Moratorium On Electronic Smoking Devices, Calling It “A Strong Overreach Of Government”**

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**2020: Desmond Voted Against A One-Year Moratorium On Electronic Smoking Devices And A Prohibition On Smoking Or Vaping In Outdoor Dining Areas.** “Nicotine is on notice in San Diego County. The county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 for a one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, a prohibition on flavored vaping liquid and a prohibition on smoking or vaping in outdoor dining areas. [...] Supervisors Kristin Gaspar and Jim Desmond, who both voted against the vaping bans, said they were simply unconvinced that the raft of local legislation would do much of anything to keep kids from vaping nicotine products, which are easily purchased online.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/14/20](#)]

- **The Moratorium Passed By A Vote Of 3-2.** “Nicotine is on notice in San Diego County. The county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 for a one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, a prohibition on flavored vaping liquid and a prohibition on smoking or vaping in outdoor dining areas.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/14/20](#)]

**Desmond Called San Diego County’s Moratorium On Electronic Smoking Devices “A Strong Overreach Of Government.”** “Nicotine is on notice in San Diego County. The county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 for a one-year moratorium on electronic smoking devices, a prohibition on flavored vaping liquid and a prohibition on smoking or vaping in outdoor dining areas. [...] ‘I feel this is a strong overreach of government,’ Desmond said. ‘The County of San Diego should step up enforcement of the laws that are already in place, which are that no one under 21 should have access to these products. If every one of these vape shops in the unincorporated areas were to shut down, it wouldn’t make a dent in the kids having access to these products.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/14/20](#)]

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**2019: Desmond Voted Against Banning Vaping Product Sales In San Diego County’s Unincorporated Areas**

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**2019: Desmond Voted Against Banning Vaping Product Sales In San Diego County’s Unincorporated Areas.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 to ban vaping product sales in unincorporated areas. The measure puts a one-year moratorium on the sale of vaping devices and permanently bars flavored nicotine. [...] The board's decision came after a lengthy and sometimes emotional public hearing. Supervisors Greg Cox, Nathan Fletcher and Dianne Jacob voted in favor of the ban, while their colleagues Jim Desmond and Kristin Gaspar opposed.” [KPBS, [10/15/19](#)]

**Desmond Said Banning Vaping Products Would Encourage Black Market Purchases.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 to ban vaping product sales in unincorporated areas. The measure puts a one-year moratorium on the sale of vaping devices and permanently bars flavored nicotine. [...] Desmond, who cast the other no vote, said a ban would encourage black market purchases, which has been linked to the lung illness outbreak. He favors better enforcement of existing laws against sales to minors over adding regulations that

‘burden law-abiding businesses.’ Supervisor Greg Cox said he agreed with Gaspar and Desmond’s comments but supported the ban because the public health crisis required action.” [KPBS, [10/15/19](#)]

- **Desmond Said He Favored Better Enforcement Of Existing Laws Against Selling To Minors.** “Desmond, who cast the other no vote, said a ban would encourage black market purchases, which has been linked to the lung illness outbreak. He favors better enforcement of existing laws against sales to minors over adding regulations that ‘burden law-abiding businesses.’ Supervisor Greg Cox said he agreed with Gaspar and Desmond’s comments but supported the ban because the public health crisis required action.” [KPBS, [10/15/19](#)]

## **2018-2024: Desmond Voted Multiple Times Against The Legal Cannabis Industry In San Diego County**

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### **2018: Desmond Said He Opposed Marijuana Dispensaries But Not Medical Marijuana**

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### **2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Putting A Cannabis Tax Measure On The Ballot**

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**June 2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Putting A Cannabis Tax Measure On The Ballot.** “A proposal to place a cannabis business tax on the November ballot was approved Tuesday by the San Diego County

Board of Supervisors. Supervisors will discuss the exact ballot wording at an August board meeting. If passed by voters, the measure would affect cannabis businesses in the county's unincorporated areas. Supervisors Joel Anderson, Nathan Fletcher, Terra Lawson-Remer and Nora Vargas voted yes on the second reading of the proposal to place the cannabis tax measure on the ballot, with Supervisor Jim Desmond voting no. Earlier this month, the board voted 3-1 — with Desmond also opposed — to take an early step toward placing a cannabis tax measure on the ballot. The board approved a draft resolution calling for a 75-word ballot question, and arguments for and against the measure, along with a fiscal impact.” [KPBS, [6/29/22](#)]

**November 2022: San Diego County Voters Approved Measure A, Which Established A Cannabis Tax To Fund Parks, Fire Safety, Roads, And Other County Projects.** “On November 8, 2022, San Diego County voters approved Measure A, which was established to fund general County purposes including but not limited to parks, fire safety, roads, health, and social equity, by taxing cannabis businesses in the unincorporated area. The San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector is responsible for the administration and collection of cannabis tax for establishments located in the unincorporated areas of the County. For establishments located within an incorporated city, cannabis tax is collected by the City in which the establishment is located.” [San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Cannabis Tax Administration, accessed [5/15/26](#)]

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**2024: Desmond Voted Against A Program To Try To Ensure People Who Were Negatively Impacted By Cannabis Criminalization Could Participate In The Regulated Cannabis Market**

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**2024: Desmond Voted Against Establishing The San Diego County Cannabis Oversight Community Collaborative.** “Adopted Resolution No. 24-034, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY CANNABIS OVERSIGHT COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Anderson, Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [4/30/24](#)]

- **The Social Equity Program Tried To Ensure People Who Were Negatively Impacted By Cannabis Criminalization Were Given The Opportunity To Participate In The Regulated Cannabis Market.** “The goal of the SEP is to ensure that those negatively or adversely impacted by cannabis criminalization are provided with the opportunity to successfully participate in the regulated cannabis market and for people and communities impacted by the War on Drugs to receive assistance and benefits. [...] 1. Receive the updates on development of the Social Equity Program from the Office of Equity and Racial Justice. 2. Consider and adopt the Social Equity Criteria Tiers. The main criteria is focused on being incarcerated, deported, arrested or convicted for a cannabis related crime in San Diego, and meeting a low income threshold. 3. Consider and provide policy direction on the attached Cannabis Social Equity Ordinance Matrix (Attachment B, on file with the Clerk of the Board) focusing on four main topics: a. Social Equity Ownership Requirements (51% minimum ownership); b. Timeframe for Social Equity Businesses to Open Prior to Non-Social Equity (3 -year timeframe ); a. License Ceiling for Cannabis Storefront Businesses (25 total storefront licenses, no ceiling for other license types); and b. Social Equity Storefront Retail Licenses (minimum 50% storefront retail licenses reserved for social equity businesses).” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [4/30/24](#)]

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include a one-time investment of \$7.5 million to support funding for the East County Recovery Bridge Center, part of Capital Project 1024603, replacing the \$7.5 million unspent on the initially recommended drug disposal pilot program. Under this option ongoing investments would be supported through Fiscal Year 2028-29, instead of Fiscal Year 2030-31, with revenue from finalized and anticipated near-term settlements. 2. Directed the Chief Administrative Officer to report back on significant updates to the Opioid Settlement Framework that will include adjustments based on ongoing review of existing programs and according to any new guidelines for Opioid Settlement Funds. [...] AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer ABSENT: Desmond; (District 4 Seat Vacant).” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [10/10/23](#)]

**San Diego Announced Plans To Build The Recovery Bridge Center, Which Would Provide Screenings For Substance Use, Counseling Services, And Connections To Ongoing Behavioral Health Services.** “The County of San Diego is pleased to announce plans for the construction of a new East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit and Recovery Bridge Center. These services are part of an array of mental health and substance use services that are regionally distributed across San Diego County and will enable those living in East County to access the care they need. [...] Recovery Bridge Center (RBC) [...] Provides a safe, supervised, non-medical environment to stabilize individuals whose level of public intoxication puts themselves or others at risk and outpatient substance use disorder services to ensure continuity of care. Services are provided on a short-term basis, and may include: • Screenings for substance use or mental health conditions • Counseling services • Outpatient substance use disorder services • Resources and connections to ongoing behavioral health services.” [San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, East Region Crisis Stabilization Unit and Recovery Bridge Center, accessed [5/15/26](#)]

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### **2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Receiving An Update On The Comprehensive County Substance Use Harm Reduction Strategy**

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**2021: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Receiving An Update On The Comprehensive County Substance Use Harm Reduction Strategy.** “Receive an update on the comprehensive County Substance Use Harm Reduction Strategy, inclusive of a Syringe Services Action Plan. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors received an update on the comprehensive County Substance Use Harm Reduction Strategy, inclusive of a Syringe Services Action Plan. AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [6/8/21](#)]

**Harm Reduction Was A Set Of Practical Strategies To Reduce Harms Associated With Drug Use And Save Lives.** “Harm reduction is a set of practical strategies designed to reduce potential personal and public harms associated with drug use. The goal of harm reduction is to save lives and protect the health of people who use substances and preserve the integrity of their communities.” [San Diego County, Harm Reduction Services Program, accessed [5/15/26](#)]

- **American Medical Association Board Of Trustees Chair: “The AMA Again Is Asking State And Federal Policymakers To Embrace Steps That Will Save Lives By Ensuring Evidence-Based Treatment And Harm Reduction To Our Patients.”** “The following statement is attributable to: Bobby Mukkamala, M.D. Chair, American Medical Association Board of Trustees Chair, AMA Substance Use and Pain Care Task Force. ‘We know the overdose epidemic is ravaging this country, and the National Center for Health Statistics tally of about 107,000 deaths in the past year confirms the problem is getting worse. Behind the numbers is thousands of grieving families. We need to help patients and their families with medically proven approaches to addiction. The AMA again is asking state and federal policymakers to embrace steps that will save lives by ensuring evidence-based treatment and harm reduction to our patients.’” [American Medical Association, Press Release, [5/11/22](#)]

## 2025: Desmond Opposed California Assembly Bill 84, Which Would Reform Virtual And Hybrid Charter Schools After A Charter Operator Defrauded The Public Of More Than \$400 Million

**2025: Desmond Opposed California Assembly Bill 84, Which He Said Would Effectively Eliminate Non-Classroom-Based Charter Schools.** “California is once again attacking your parental rights and freedom to choose the best education for your child — and AB 84 may be the most dangerous bill yet. I’ve always supported school choice because I believe parents — not bureaucrats — should decide how their children learn. Unfortunately, California’s public school system isn’t working for everyone, and many families have turned to charter and homeschool options that better meet their kids’ needs. Now Sacramento wants to shut them all down. This 42,000-word bill is a massive overhaul of the charter school system that would effectively eliminate non-classroom-based charter schools, hurting thousands of students who cannot attend traditional school settings. It’s discriminatory against children with disabilities, learning challenges, medical conditions, and physical limitations that make standard classroom instruction unrealistic. Call your State Senator and demand they VOTE NO on AB 84.” [Jim Desmond, Facebook, [6/6/25](#)]



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**Non-Classroom-Based Charter Schools Were Virtual, Homeschool, And Hybrid Settings That Were Responsible For The Largest Incidents Of Fraud.** “A consequence of not passing a reform bill so far means that a moratorium on new nonclassroom-based charter schools that began in 2019 will expire on Jan. 1. That means districts could once again begin approving online and independent-study charters before new accountability regulations are in place. Nonclassroom-based charter schools — virtual, homeschool, hybrids and independent studies — are responsible for the largest incidents of fraud and financial mismanagement.” [EdSource, [12/12/25](#)]

**AB 84 Would Enact Comprehensive Reform To Non-Classroom-Based Charter School Law.** “In the coming days the California Assembly will vote on AB 84, a bill that would enact comprehensive reform to non-classroom-based (NCB) charter school law. It is urgent that members of the State Assembly hear directly from CFT members that we strongly support this bill. AB 84 was written in response to the A3 Education scandal, where nonprofit charter operator A3 Education defrauded the public of over \$400 million. The A3 case clearly demonstrated how California’s existing system of NCB charter oversight—carried out by public authorizers, annual financial audits, and the State Board of Education through its NCB funding determination process—is inadequate. AB 84 addresses these issues and is the expert-backed solution to prevent another A3.” [California Federation of Teachers, [5/30/25](#)]

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## Gun Violence Prevention Issues

### 2023: Desmond Voted Against Supporting Gov. Newsom’s Proposed Constitutional Amendment Implementing Universal Background Checks, An Assault Rifle Ban, And Waiting Periods

**2023: Desmond Voted Against A Resolution To Support Gov. Newsom’s Proposed Gun Control Amendment To The U.S. Constitution.** “A resolution to support Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed gun-control amendment to the U.S. Constitution was defeated by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, with members evenly divided 2-2. Board Chair Nora Vargas and Vice Chair Terra Lawson-Remer, who authored the resolution in support of Newsom’s ‘Right to Safety’ amendment proposal, voted yes. Their colleagues Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond voted no.” [KPBS, [10/24/23](#)]

- **Newsom’s Proposal Would Mandate Universal Background Checks, Ban Assault Rifles For Civilians, And Impose A Waiting Period For All Gun Purchases.** “Newsom’s proposal would add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would raise the minimum age to purchase a gun from 18 to 21, mandate universal background checks, ban assault rifles for civilians and impose a waiting period for all gun purchases.” [KPBS, [10/24/23](#)]

**Desmond Said The Focus Should Be On What He Called The Mental Health Crisis, Not Law-Abiding Gun Owners.** “During Tuesday’s meeting, Desmond stressed the need to focus on the mental health crisis — and not law-abiding citizens who own guns. ‘This is more laws on top of laws on top of laws,’ Desmond said. ‘Guns are not violence — people are.’ Desmond said he didn’t want to diminish gun-related violence, including school shootings, but mentioned 70% of the county’s gun-related deaths were suicides. He also mentioned that the San Diego Union-Tribune recently reported that the number of 72-hour holds for those experiencing a mental health issue has increased two-fold.” [KPBS, [10/24/23](#)]

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### 2021-2022: Desmond Voted Twice Against Advancing An Ordinance Prohibiting Ghost Guns, Which Allowed People To Buy Kits To Assemble Firearms At Home

#### 2022: Desmond Voted Against An Ordinance Prohibiting The Creation And Distribution Of Ghost Guns

**2022: Desmond Voted Against Approving An Ordinance Prohibiting The Creation And Distribution Of Ghost Guns.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 Tuesday to approve an ordinance requiring safe firearm storage and prohibiting the distribution or creation of untraceable ‘ghost guns’ in the county. Board Chairman Nathan Fletcher and Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer backed the proposal last October, and they were joined Tuesday by Supervisor Nora Vargas in support of the measure. Supervisors Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond were opposed.” [NBC 7, [1/11/22](#)]

- **The Ordinance Updated Firearm Definitions, Prohibited 3D Printing Of Firearm Parts, And Required Safe Storage Of Firearms.** “The county ordinance will: • Update definitions regarding firearms to include unserialized ghost guns and parts; • Prohibit the possession or distribution of parts without serial numbers that are used in the creation or possession of ghost guns; • Prohibit 3D printing of firearms or parts; and • Require the safe storage of firearms.” [NBC 7, [1/11/22](#)]
- **Omaha World Herald: “Ghost Guns Are Kits That People Can Buy Online And Assemble Into Firearms.”** “Ghost guns are kits that people can buy online and assemble into firearms. They don’t have serial numbers nor require background checks, or generate records transfers that allow guns to be traced. The ordinance passed Tuesday makes it illegal to possess the unfinished pieces or to manufacture a firearm from a ghost gun kit from a frame that does not have serial number.” [Omaha World Herald, [11/1/23](#)]
- **Ghost Guns Lacked Serial Numbers And Were Typically Assembled From Homemade Components.** “Ghost guns are unregulated firearms that lack serial numbers by which they can be identified and are typically assembled from purchased or homemade components. Minors or those normally prohibited from owning firearms can purchase such a weapon without a background check.” [NBC 7, [1/11/22](#)]

**Desmond Said He Opposed Ghost Guns Because They Were A Danger To Society, But He Said Such Weapons Were Already Illegal.** “Desmond said that while he opposed ghost guns because they're a danger to society, such weapons are already illegal. When it comes to requiring a serial number for every part of a gun, ‘the good guys are gonna do that,’ Desmond said. ‘The bad guys won't.’ Desmond added that California has safe-storage laws, and said there are some 300,000 laws that cover firearms nationwide. He said he wanted an annual report on how the ordinance is working, including if it results in any accidental deaths.” [NBC 7, [1/11/22](#)]

**Desmond: “Let’s See If This Local Ordinance Makes A Difference In Taking Guns Away From The Bad Guys.”** “‘Let's see if this local ordinance makes a difference in taking guns away from the bad guys,’ Desmond said.” [NBC 7, [1/11/22](#)]

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## **2021: Desmond Voted Against Developing An Ordinance On Ghost Guns**

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- **The Proposed Ordinance Would Ban Possession Or Distribution Of Non-Serial-Numbered Parts Used To Build Ghost Guns.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted 3-2 in favor of developing an ordinance on so-called ‘ghost guns’ countywide, including banning possession or distribution of non-serial-numbered parts used to build them. Supervisors also directed Helen Robbins-Meyer, the county's chief administrative officer, to return within 90 days with a draft ordinance that would also prohibit the 3D printing of unserialized firearms or precursor parts, and establish safe storage requirements for county gun owners.” [KPBS, [10/19/21](#)]
- **Ghost Guns Were Homemade Firearms That Did Not Have Commercial Serial Numbers.** “Ghost guns, also known as ‘do-it-yourself guns,’ are homemade, personally manufactured firearms that do not have commercial serial numbers.” [KPBS, [10/19/21](#)]

**Desmond Said The Proposed Ordinance Was “Just Putting Another Law On Top Of Another Law.”** “Desmond said that ghost guns are already illegal, and the proposed county ordinance ‘is just putting another law on top of another law.’ He also noted that people can already purchase guns online.” [KPBS, [10/19/21](#)]

## 2021: Desmond Voted Against Supporting Two Federal Bills That Aimed To Close Background Check Loopholes For Gun Purchases

**April 2021: Desmond Voted Against An Advisory Resolution Supporting Two Federal Background Check Bills.** “Those same two background-check bills were voted on by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in an advisory vote in April of last year. Democratic supervisors Nora Vargas, Terra Lawson-Remer, and Nathan Fletcher voted in favor. Republicans Joel Anderson and Jim Desmond voted against it.” [CBS 8 News, [5/26/22](#)]

- **2021: The U.S. House Voted On The Bipartisan Background Checks Act, Which Aimed To Close A Loophole Allowing Gun Purchases At Private Parties To Avoid A Background Check.** “The U.S. congress voted on two gun control bills in 2021 having to do with background checks. The Bipartisan Background Checks Act (HR 8) aimed to close a loophole allowing gun buyers to avoid background checks when purchasing a gun through a private party.” [CBS 8 News, [5/26/22](#)]
- **2021: The U.S. House Voted On The Enhanced Background Checks Act, Which Aimed To Close A Loophole That Limited Background Checks To Three Days.** “The U.S. congress voted on two gun control bills in 2021 having to do with background checks. The Bipartisan Background Checks Act (HR 8) aimed to close a loophole allowing gun buyers to avoid background checks when purchasing a gun through a private party. [...] The Enhanced Background Checks Act (HR 1446) aimed to close another loophole that said background checks had to be completed in three days.” [CBS 8 News, [5/26/22](#)]

## Desmond Signed The San Diego County Gun Owners PAC Pledge, Had A “Thumbs Up” Rating From The PAC, And Gave The Group \$1,000 In Campaign Cash

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### SAN DIEGO COUNTY POSITIONS

 **Thumbs Up**

Sheriff Kelly Martinez

District Attorney Summer Stephan

**(P) Jim Desmond (D2)**

(P) Joel Anderson (D5)

**Undecided**

Vacant Seat (D1)

 **Thumbs Down**

Monica Montgomery- Steppe (D4)

Terra Lawson-Remer (D3)

[San Diego County Gun Owners, SDCGO Council Member Ratings, accessed [4/29/26](#)]

- **A “(P)” Next To An Official’s Name Indicated They Signed The SDCGO Pledge.** [San Diego County Gun Owners PAC, SDCGO Council Member Ratings, accessed [4/29/26](#)]

**SDCGO PLEDGE:** A "(P)" next to their name indicates the official has signed the SDCGO pledge! Signing the pledge does not necessarily mean they are friendly to our cause and may or may not affect their rating. The pledge just means that the official has agreed to meet with us before voting on Second Amendment related issues.

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**The San Diego County Gun Owners PAC's Pledge Said An Official Would Meet With The Organization And Discuss Any Proposed Legislation That Involved Firearms Or The Second Amendment.** "I pledge to meet with the San Diego County Gun Owners and discuss any proposed legislation that involves or affects firearms ownership, sales and/or use (including land use matters), or any matter having to do with the Second Amendment before I vote on the same. I reserve the right to vote the way my conscience and constituents demand. By signing this pledge, I am only promising to familiarize myself on Second Amendment related issues with the San Diego County Gun Owners." [San Diego County Gun Owners PAC, Elected Official Pledge, accessed [4/29/26](#)]



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**2023: Desmond's Supervisor Campaign Gave \$1,000 To The San Diego Gun Owners PAC**

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**2023: Desmond For Supervisor 2022 Gave \$1,000 To The San Diego Gun Owners PAC.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/17/24](#)]

**Schedule D  
Summary of Expenditures  
Supporting/Opposing Other  
Candidates, Measures and Committees**

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Statement covers period: from 07/01/2023 through 12/31/2023	<b>CALIFORNIA FORM 460</b> Page 4 of 10
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[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/17/24](#)]

## Health Care Issues

### 2026: Desmond Said, “Health Care, Social Services, And Government Jobs Are Growing,” But “They’re Funded By Taxpayers Through Programs Like Medi-Cal And IHSS”

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Supervisor Jim Desmond  @jim\_desmond

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[Jim Desmond, Twitter, [2/27/26](#)]

## 2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Analyzing Opportunities To Increase Medi-Cal Reimbursements In The San Diego Region

**2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Directing County Staff To Analyze And Explore Opportunities To Increase Medi-Cal Reimbursements In The San Diego Region.** “1. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to conduct an analysis of Medi-Cal reimbursable services provided by the County of San Diego, to increase revenue and reimbursement opportunities for those services, in order to enhance access to and quality of care for residents of San Diego County. [...] 2. Direct the Interim Chief Administrative Officer to explore opportunities to increase Medi-Cal reimbursement to providers in the San Diego region. [...] AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/12/24](#)]

**County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer Said The Region Was Leaving Medi-Cal Reimbursement On The Table.** “After an initial discussion with medical providers in San Diego County, Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer says she is convinced that the region is leaving Medi-Cal reimbursement on the table, and that’s money that could be used to improve the reimbursement rates that fund care for nearly 1 million San Diego County residents.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [3/11/24](#)]

- “Is San Diego County Getting Its Fair Share Of Medi-Cal Reimbursements?” [San Diego Union-Tribune,

[3/11/24](#)]

### **2022: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Evaluating Ambulance Transportation Service Delivery Models**

**2022: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Evaluating The Optimal Emergency Ambulance Transportation Service Delivery Model.** “Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to procure consultant services to evaluate the optimal emergency ambulance transportation service delivery model in the USA by evaluating financial, operational, and patient care metrics and returning to the Board with an update and any recommendations. The recommendations will include consideration of the long-term needs within independent fire protection districts receiving ambulance transportation services in the USA. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Fletcher, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent. AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher ABSENT: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/13/22](#)]

### **2024: Desmond Was Marked Not Present For A Vote On Authorizing An Agreement To Fund The Construction Of A Secured Ward For Incarcerated People At Paradise Valley Hospital**

**2024: Desmond Was Marked Not Present For A Vote On Authorizing An Agreement To Fund The Construction Of A Secured Ward At Paradise Valley Hospital.** “1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15302; and 2. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, find that funding the construction of a secured hospital ward at Paradise Valley Hospital for the treatment of incarcerated persons is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County in the areas of health, law enforcement, and public safety; and 3. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with Prime Healthcare Paradise Valley, LLC to fund the construction of a secured hospital ward at Paradise Valley Hospital and to amend the agreement as needed to reflect changes to requirements or funding. [...] AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOT PRESENT: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [6/25/24](#)]

**The Secured Ward Allowed Paradise Valley Hospital To Treat Incarcerated People And Meet The Health And Public Safety Needs Of The County.** “1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 and 15302; and 2. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, find that funding the construction of a secured hospital ward at Paradise Valley Hospital for the treatment of incarcerated persons is necessary to meet the social needs of the population of the County in the areas of health, law enforcement, and public safety; and 3. Pursuant to Government Code section 26227, authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to execute an agreement with Prime Healthcare Paradise Valley, LLC to fund the construction of a secured hospital ward at Paradise Valley Hospital and to amend the agreement as needed to reflect changes to requirements or funding.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [6/25/24](#)]

## **Immigrant Rights Issues**

### **Desmond Voted Multiple Times Against Providing Legal Assistance To Migrants Facing Deportation In San Diego County**

**2021: Desmond Voted Against Providing Legal Assistance To Migrants Facing Deportation In San Diego County, Saying It Should Be A Federal Issue**

**2021: Desmond Voted Against A San Diego County Pilot Program To Fund Legal Representation For Migrants Facing Deportation.** “San Diego on Tuesday became the first county along the U.S.-Mexico border to approve a pilot program that will fund legal representation for migrants facing deportation. The California county's

board of supervisors approved the pilot program in a 3-2 vote on Tuesday after listening to nearly two hours of public comments on the proposal. [...] Funding the program was a point of concern that one of the supervisors who voted against its approval raised during Tuesday's meeting. Supervisor Jim Desmond said he believes providing legal assistance to migrants should be a 'federal issue' rather than a county concern. 'To me, this is a federal issue, and unfortunately not the financial responsibility of a local county government,' Desmond said." [Newsweek, [5/5/21](#)]

**Desmond Said Providing Legal Assistance To Migrants Should Be A "Federal Issue."** "Funding the program was a point of concern that one of the supervisors who voted against its approval raised during Tuesday's meeting. Supervisor Jim Desmond said he believes providing legal assistance to migrants should be a 'federal issue' rather than a county concern. 'To me, this is a federal issue, and unfortunately not the financial responsibility of a local county government,' Desmond said." [Newsweek, [5/5/21](#)]

**Desmond: "This Program Grants Special Treatment To Individuals Who Have Chosen To Bypass Our Immigration Laws, Including Some Of The Most Egregious Offenders."** "'This program grants special treatment to individuals who have chosen to bypass our immigration laws, including some of the most egregious offenders,' Desmond said in a statement. He added that the county does not offer legal representation to U.S. citizens in other kinds of complex civil cases, such as matters in U.S. Tax Court. [...] 'We have enough of our own problems to deal with,' Desmond said in an interview." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/8/23](#)]

- **About 5% Of The Participants In The Deportation Defense Program Had Any Convictions.** "A proposal by San Diego County Supervisor Joel Anderson to end taxpayer-funded deportation defense for non-citizens with certain types of criminal convictions failed to gain any support at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. Neither Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer nor Chairwoman Nora Vargas would second his motion to put the proposal forward for a vote, which Anderson requested as a courtesy. Supervisor Jim Desmond was absent from Tuesday's meeting due to a family commitment. [...] Earlier, Lawson-Remer said Anderson and Desmond were resorting to dirty tactics and ignoring the fact that just 34 people with convictions — around 5% of the total — have been defended under the IRLDP." [Times of San Diego, [10/10/23](#)]

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### **2023: Desmond Criticized The San Diego County Program That Provided Attorneys To Nearly 800 Immigrants Facing Deportation**

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**2023: Desmond Criticized The San Diego County Program That Provided Attorneys To Nearly 800 Immigrants Facing Deportation.** "San Diego County provided attorneys to nearly 800 immigrants facing deportation in the first 15 months of a new program, leading to an increase in legal representation for immigrants in the region and a growing number of courtroom wins, according to a report. [...] Desmond and Anderson said the county should not spend money on immigration cases — which they characterized as a federal issue outside of the county's responsibility. They said the funds should be used on pressing local issues, such as homelessness and mental health." [San Diego Union-Tribune, [10/8/23](#)]

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### **2023: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Allocating \$3 Million To Support Asylum Seeking Migrants In San Diego County**

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**2023: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Allocating \$3 Million In ARPA Funds To Support Asylum Seeking Migrants In San Diego County.** "1. Revise the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Framework to use \$3.0 million of amounts anticipated to be allocated to the Evergreen element of the ARPA Framework to fund the grant agreement in recommendation 6. [...] 6. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into a grant agreement or agreements with nongovernmental organization(s) for the provision of supportive services to asylum seeking migrants released in San Diego County by the federal government, in an aggregate amount of up to \$3.0 million, and to make minor amendments to the agreement(s) that do not change the purpose or amount of the grant. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Anderson, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended. AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer ABSENT: Desmond; (District 4 Seat Vacant)." [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [10/10/23](#)]

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## 2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Accepting A \$500,000 Donation For The Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program

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**2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Accepting A \$500,000 Donation For The Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program.** “1. In accordance with Administrative Code Section 66 and Board Policy A-112, accept a donation of \$500,000 from Conrad Prebys Foundation for the Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program (ILDP) and refer to Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget deliberations the establishment of appropriations of \$500,000 in the Public Defender for ILDP based on funds received in the current fiscal year from the Conrad Prebys Foundation. 2. Authorize the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to sign a letter of appreciation on behalf of the County of San Diego to the Conrad Prebys Foundation. [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent. AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [9/30/25](#)]

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## 2025: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Exploring Updates To The Immigrant Legal Defense Program To Meet Emerging Needs

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**2025: Desmond Was Absent For A Vote On Directing County Staff To Explore Updates To The Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP) To Meet Emerging Community Needs.** “On May 4, 2021 (5), the Board took bold action to uphold due process and defend constitutional rights, approving the creation of the Immigrant Legal Defense Program (ILDP). [...] 1. Direct the CAO to explore targeted updates to the ILDP program to enhance impact and meet emerging community needs and ensure sufficient legal capacity. Return to the Board within 45 days with options to codify into a Board Policy. [...] 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to investigate potential State funding opportunities, as well as the possibilities of philanthropic and charitable funding, to fully meet the needs to protect the due process rights of San Diego County immigrants and return to the Board of Supervisors within 120 days with a report of findings. [...] AYES: Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Anderson ABSENT: Desmond, (District I Seat Vacant).” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [4/8/25](#)]

## A Critic Of Sanctuary Protections For Undocumented Immigrants, Desmond Repeatedly Voted To Let San Diego County Authorities Assist ICE With Deportations

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## Desmond Called Sanctuary Cities “Dumb” And Said They Allowed Terrorists To Enter The Country

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**2024: Desmond Called The Idea Of A Sanctuary City “Dumb” And Said It Allowed “Terrorists From Around The World To Come To This Country.”** “The idea of a sanctuary city is just dumb. This is what has allowed hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants to enter, boats to wash up on our shores and terrorists from around the world to come to this country. [Jim Desmond, Twitter, [11/19/24](#)]



[Jim Desmond, Twitter, [11/19/24](#)]

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## **2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote To Allow San Diego To Assist Federal Immigration Agents With Deportations**

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**December 2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Preventing San Diego County's Resources From Assisting Federal Immigration Agents With Deportations.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has voted to prevent the use of its resources and funding to assist federal immigration agents with deportations. The board voted 3 – 1 in favor of the measure, with Supervisor Joel Anderson being absent. The county will restrict use of its jails, county buildings and personnel to help agents with federal immigration enforcement. [...] The lone dissent vote came from Republican Jim Desmond, who called the vote ‘an affront to every law-abiding citizen.’” [BorderReport, [12/11/24](#)]

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## **2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Affirming That San Diego County Would Not Assist ICE With Civil Immigration Enforcement**

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***December 10, 2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against What He Called A “Super” Sanctuary County Policy And Said He Already Contacted The Trump Administration About Fighting It***

**December 10, 2024: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against What He Called A “Super” Sanctuary County Policy.** “Today’s outrageous decision to turn San Diego County into a ‘Super’ Sanctuary County is an affront to every law-abiding citizen who values safety and justice. The Board of Supervisors’ 3-1 vote to embrace this radical policy is a direct betrayal of the people we are sworn to protect. This reckless measure not only goes far beyond California’s already extreme Sanctuary State laws but actively endangers our communities by shielding illegal immigrant criminals from deportation. Consider this: under this policy, law enforcement is prohibited from notifying ICE about individuals, in custody, who have committed violent and heinous crimes, including: Rape and stalking, Assault and battery, Burglary, Child abuse and more. I will not stand by while our communities are made less safe. I have already been in contact with the incoming Administration and will fight relentlessly to undo this disastrous policy and ensure that illegal immigrant criminals are removed from our neighborhoods.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/10/24](#)]



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[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/10/24](#)]

**December 10, 2024: The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors Voted 3-1 For A Resolution About Cooperation With ICE.** "ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Vargas, seconded by Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, and adopted Resolution No. 24-139, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ADDING BOARD POLICY L-2 COOPERATION WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. AYES: Vargas, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond ABSENT: Anderson." [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/24](#)]

**Desmond Said He Had Contacted The Incoming Trump Administration And Would Fight To Undo The Policy.** "I have already been in contact with the incoming Administration and will fight relentlessly to undo this disastrous policy and ensure that illegal immigrant criminals are removed from our neighborhoods." [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/10/24](#)]

- **Desmond: "This Reckless Measure Not Only Goes Far Beyond California's Already Extreme Sanctuary State Laws But Actively Endangers Our Communities By Shielding Illegal Immigrant Criminals From Deportation."** "This reckless measure not only goes far beyond California's already extreme Sanctuary State laws but actively endangers our communities by shielding illegal immigrant criminals from deportation. Consider this: under this policy, law enforcement is prohibited from notifying ICE about individuals, in custody, who have committed violent and heinous crimes, including: Rape and stalking, Assault and battery, Burglary, Child abuse and more." [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/10/24](#)]

## ***The Resolution Desmond Voted Against Affirmed That San Diego County Would Not Assist ICE With Civil Immigration Enforcement***

**The Resolution Affirmed That San Diego County Would Not Assist ICE With Civil Immigration Enforcement.** “Today’s actions will adopt a resolution and Board Policy L-2 to affirm the County shall not provide assistance or cooperation to ICE in its civil immigration enforcement efforts, including by giving ICE agents access to individuals or allowing them to use County facilities for investigative interviews or other purposes, expending County time or resources responding to ICE inquiries or communicating with ICE regarding individuals’ incarceration status or release dates, or otherwise participating in any civil immigration enforcement activities. The proposed policy does not limit or prohibit giving assistance with the investigative activities of any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency relating to suspected violations of criminal laws.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/24](#)]

- **The Legislative Recommendation Said, “Limiting Cooperation Focuses Our Local County Resources On Local Matters, As Immigration Enforcement Is A Federal Responsibility.”** “San Diego County has a vested interest in maintaining public safety and effective law enforcement while also managing its resources efficiently. By avoiding active cooperation with ICE, including through specific notification to ICE of the release dates of immigrants, the County avoids treating a group of individuals differently solely on the basis of their immigration status. The County likewise avoids providing unequal access to probation programs and re-entry services for certain ex-offenders based on their immigration status. Limiting cooperation focuses our local County resources on local matters, as immigration enforcement is a federal responsibility.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/24](#)]

**The Legislation Did Not Prohibit Giving Assistance To Local, State, Or Federal Authorities Investigating Suspected Criminal Violations.** “Today’s actions will adopt a resolution and Board Policy L-2 to affirm the County shall not provide assistance or cooperation to ICE in its civil immigration enforcement efforts, including by giving ICE agents access to individuals or allowing them to use County facilities for investigative interviews or other purposes, expending County time or resources responding to ICE inquiries or communicating with ICE regarding individuals’ incarceration status or release dates, or otherwise participating in any civil immigration enforcement activities. The proposed policy does not limit or prohibit giving assistance with the investigative activities of any local, state, or federal law enforcement agency relating to suspected violations of criminal laws.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/24](#)]

***Desmond Said Protections For Migrants Had “Nothing To Do With Reporting,” But A Local Immigration Lawyer Pointed Out Local Coordination With Immigration Agents Made Immigrants Less Likely To Report Crimes***

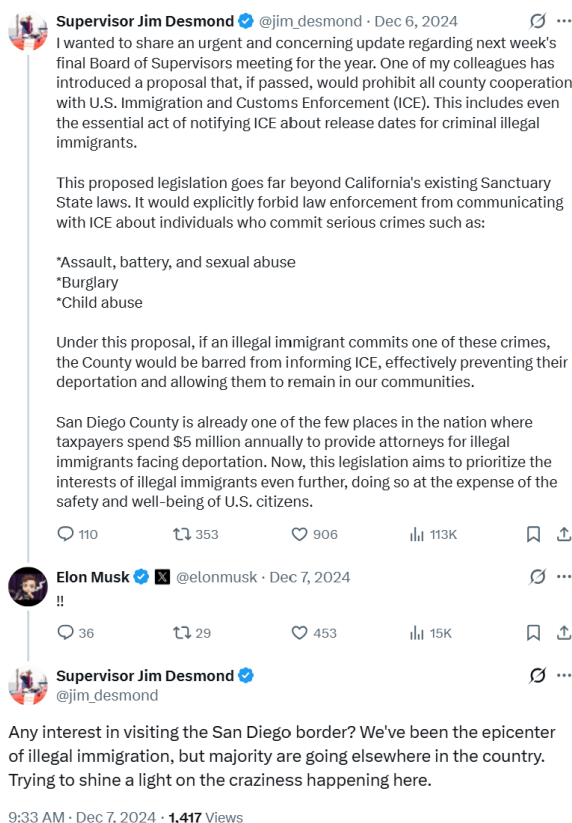
**In Discussing The San Diego County Protections For Migrants, Desmond Said, “This Has Nothing To Do With Reporting, Doesn’t Put Anyone In Jeopardy For Reporting.”** “After Mr. Trump’s victory, the Board of Supervisors for San Diego County moved to bolster protections for migrants by requiring federal agents to obtain a judicial warrant for any undocumented immigrants they want to pick up from a local jail, banning any investigative interviews by immigration officials inside jails and prohibiting the use of county resources for immigration enforcement. [...] The lone dissenting vote on San Diego’s Board of Supervisors came from Jim Desmond, a Republican, who said there already are protections for immigrants reporting crimes or dealing with the local police, who are barred from asking about immigration status. ‘So we’re talking about people that have already committed the crime, they’ve already been tried for the crime and convicted and sentenced and they are in our jails,’ he said. ‘And so this has nothing to do with reporting, doesn’t put anyone in jeopardy for reporting. All this does is allow our sheriffs to let ICE know that these people are in our custody and when they are going to get out.’” [New York Times, [12/25/24](#)]

**Immigration Lawyer Ian Seruelo Said Coordination Between Local Law Enforcement And Immigration Agents Harmed Public Safety By Making Immigrants Less Likely To Report Crimes.** “In a letter to the sheriff, Ian M. Seruelo, the chair of the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium, said, ‘We hope that your statement was a

mere misunderstanding on your part of the full scope of the California Values Act, and not a flagrant disregard for state law, our democratic processes and our constitutional rights.’ In an interview, Mr. Seruelo, who is also a practicing immigration lawyer, said that any coordination between local law enforcement and immigration agents harms public safety because it makes immigrants less likely to report crimes or cooperate as witnesses. ‘A lot of families here in San Diego have an undocumented member,’ he said. ‘If that level of trust is diminished toward local law enforcement, it will discourage many San Diegans from reporting crime or from accessing county resources or services.’” [New York Times, [12/25/24](#)]

### ***Desmond Previously Warned About The Proposal On Twitter And Invited Elon Musk To Visit San Diego***

**December 7, 2024: Desmond Warned About The Proposal On Twitter And Responded To A Reply From Elon Musk, Inviting Musk To Visit The San Diego Border.** “[Desmond:] I wanted to share an urgent and concerning update regarding next week's final Board of Supervisors meeting for the year. One of my colleagues has introduced a proposal that, if passed, would prohibit all county cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This includes even the essential act of notifying ICE about release dates for criminal illegal immigrants. This proposed legislation goes far beyond California's existing Sanctuary State laws. It would explicitly forbid law enforcement from communicating with ICE about individuals who commit serious crimes such as: \*Assault, battery, and sexual abuse \*Burglary \*Child abuse Under this proposal, if an illegal immigrant commits one of these crimes, the County would be barred from informing ICE, effectively preventing their deportation and allowing them to remain in our communities. San Diego County is already one of the few places in the nation where taxpayers spend \$5 million annually to provide attorneys for illegal immigrants facing deportation. Now, this legislation aims to prioritize the interests of illegal immigrants even further, doing so at the expense of the safety and well-being of U.S. citizens. [Musk:] !! [Desmond:] Any interest in visiting the San Diego border? We've been the epicenter of illegal immigration, but majority are going elsewhere in the country. Trying to shine a light on the craziness happening here.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/7/24](#)]



The screenshot shows a Twitter thread. The top tweet is from Supervisor Jim Desmond (@jim\_desmond) dated Dec 6, 2024. It contains a long text message about a proposed legislation regarding ICE cooperation and lists crimes like assault, burglary, and child abuse. The second tweet is a reply from Elon Musk (@elonmusk) dated Dec 7, 2024, consisting of two exclamation marks. The third tweet is a reply from Supervisor Jim Desmond (@jim\_desmond) dated Dec 7, 2024, asking if Musk is interested in visiting the San Diego border. Engagement metrics for each tweet are visible at the bottom of the thread.

**Supervisor Jim Desmond** @jim\_desmond · Dec 6, 2024

I wanted to share an urgent and concerning update regarding next week's final Board of Supervisors meeting for the year. One of my colleagues has introduced a proposal that, if passed, would prohibit all county cooperation with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). This includes even the essential act of notifying ICE about release dates for criminal illegal immigrants.

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Under this proposal, if an illegal immigrant commits one of these crimes, the County would be barred from informing ICE, effectively preventing their deportation and allowing them to remain in our communities.

San Diego County is already one of the few places in the nation where taxpayers spend \$5 million annually to provide attorneys for illegal immigrants facing deportation. Now, this legislation aims to prioritize the interests of illegal immigrants even further, doing so at the expense of the safety and well-being of U.S. citizens.

110 replies · 353 retweets · 906 likes · 113K views

**Elon Musk** @elonmusk · Dec 7, 2024

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36 replies · 29 retweets · 453 likes · 15K views

**Supervisor Jim Desmond** @jim\_desmond

Any interest in visiting the San Diego border? We've been the epicenter of illegal immigration, but majority are going elsewhere in the country. Trying to shine a light on the craziness happening here.

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[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [12/7/24](#)]

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## **2025: Desmond Proposed And Voted For A Failed Attempt To Repeal San Diego County's Sanctuary Law**

***March 2025: Desmond Proposed And Voted For An Unsuccessful Attempt At Repealing What He Called The "Super Sanctuary" Law***

**March 2025: Desmond Proposed And Voted For Repealing What He Called The "Super Sanctuary" Law, Which Limited Local Assistance For Federal Immigration Enforcement.** "An attempt Tuesday to repeal an existing San Diego County policy limiting local assistance for federal immigration enforcement has failed, with two Board of Supervisors members voting in favor, one opposing and one abstaining. Jim Desmond proposed repealing the existing policy, claiming it makes the county a 'super sanctuary' for people living in the country illegally by limiting local assistance for federal immigration enforcement. Desmond and Joel Anderson voted yes, while Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe voted no and Terra Lawson-Remer abstained. Three votes were needed for the repeal to take effect." [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

**Desmond's Proposal Failed To Get The Three Votes Needed To Repeal The Previous Policy As Two Supervisors Voted Yes, One Voted No, And One Abstained.** "An attempt Tuesday to repeal an existing San Diego County policy limiting local assistance for federal immigration enforcement has failed, with two Board of Supervisors members voting in favor, one opposing and one abstaining. Jim Desmond proposed repealing the existing policy, claiming it makes the county a 'super sanctuary' for people living in the country illegally by limiting local assistance for federal immigration enforcement. Desmond and Joel Anderson voted yes, while Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe voted no and Terra Lawson-Remer abstained. Three votes were needed for the repeal to take effect." [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

**Desmond Denied That His Proposal Was About Politics.** "In a statement after the Tuesday vote, Desmond said the outcome 'was deeply disappointing.' 'This was not about politics,' said Desmond, a Republican who is also a candidate for 49th Congressional District in 2026. 'This was about ensuring that criminals — child abusers, burglars and violent offenders — are removed from our communities. Instead, fear and misinformation won the day, leaving law-abiding residents at greater risk.'" [KPBS, [3/11/25](#)]

***January 2025: Desmond Praised Border Czar Tom Homan For Calling Out The "Super Sanctuary" Policy***

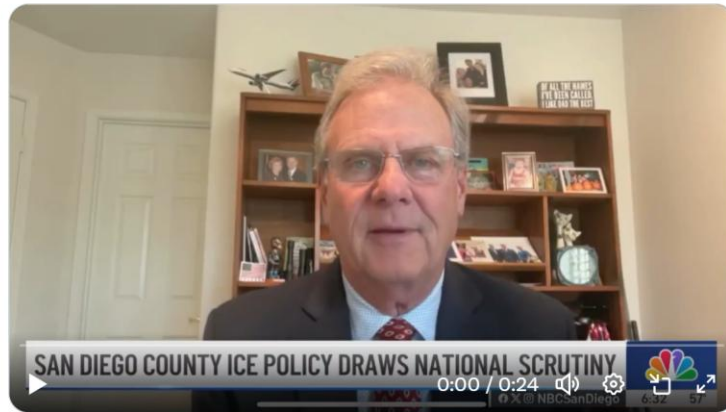
**January 2025: Desmond Praised Tom Homan For Calling Out What Desmond Called "The Ridiculous Super Sanctuary Policy Passed By The County Of San Diego."** "I'm glad to see Tom Homan calling out the ridiculous Super Sanctuary Policy passed by the County of San Diego. Policies like this put our communities at risk by prioritizing politics over public safety." [Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/2/25](#)]



Supervisor Jim Desmond ✓  
@jim\_desmond



I'm glad to see Tom Homan calling out the ridiculous Super Sanctuary Policy passed by the County of San Diego. Policies like this put our communities at risk by prioritizing politics over public safety.



8:56 AM · Jan 2, 2025 · 14.8K Views

[Supervisor Jim Desmond, Twitter, [1/2/25](#)]

- **Trump Tapped Tom Homan To Be The White House “Border Czar.”** “President-elect Donald Trump’s picks to serve in top jobs in his next administration have generally stayed off the airwaves to avoid any verbal slipups that might jeopardize their chances at getting confirmed by the Senate. Not so with Tom Homan. Homan, who was the acting director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement during Trump’s first term in office, has been tapped to be the new White House ‘border czar.’ The job does not require Senate confirmation, meaning Homan has the freedom to go on cable news and conservative media and promote Trump’s agenda.” [NBC News, [12/11/24](#)]

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**2018-2019: Desmond Signed An Amicus Brief Supporting Trump’s Lawsuit Against California’s Sanctuary State Law And As A County Supervisor Voted To Support Trump’s Lawsuit**

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*2018: Desmond Signed An Amicus Brief In Support Of Trump’s Lawsuit Against California’s Sanctuary State Law And Called For The County Board Of Supervisors To Do The Same*

**April 2018: Desmond Signed An Amicus Brief In Support Of The Trump Administration’s Lawsuit Against California’s Immigrant Sanctuary Law.** “North San Diego County mayors called for the county Board of Supervisors to support the Trump Administration’s lawsuit against California’s immigrant sanctuary law at a news conference on Monday. [...] Desmond — who is running for county supervisor — signed an amicus brief in support of Trump’s lawsuit. ‘Law enforcement needs to work together to keep us safe,’ he said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/16/18](#)]

**April 2018: Desmond Called For The County Board Of Supervisors To Support Trump’s Lawsuit Against Senate Bill 54.** “North San Diego County mayors called for the county Board of Supervisors to support the Trump Administration’s lawsuit against California’s immigrant sanctuary law at a news conference on Monday. Two Republican mayors — Escondido’s Sam Abed and San Marcos’s Jim Desmond — joined conservative radio host Carl DeMaio in calling the state’s sanctuary laws ‘divisive’ and a threat to public safety. The law, known as Senate Bill 54, limits how much assistance local authorities can provide to federal officials in the enforcement of immigration laws.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/16/18](#)]

*Desmond Said His Opposition To California’s Law Was About Public Safety And Said, “This IS Not About Anti-Immigration, Anti-Hispanic Or Anything Else”*

**April 2018: Desmond Said His Opposition To SB 54 Was About Public Safety.** “Desmond said the effort was about public safety, not immigration. ‘This is not about anti-immigration, anti-Hispanic or anything else,’ he said. ‘This is about protecting the citizens. SB 54 and the sanctuary city law actually protects felons more than it does law-abiding citizens.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/16/18](#)]

- **California’s SB 54 Limited How Much Local Authorities Could Assist Federal Authorities In Enforcing Immigration Laws.** “North San Diego County mayors called for the county Board of Supervisors to support the Trump Administration’s lawsuit against California’s immigrant sanctuary law at a news conference on Monday. Two Republican mayors — Escondido’s Sam Abed and San Marcos’s Jim Desmond — joined conservative radio host Carl DeMaio in calling the state’s sanctuary laws ‘divisive’ and a threat to public safety. The law, known as Senate Bill 54, limits how much assistance local authorities can provide to federal officials in the enforcement of immigration laws.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/16/18](#)]

**Desmond: “This Is Not About Anti-Immigration, Anti-Hispanic Or Anything Else”** “Desmond said the effort was about public safety, not immigration. ‘This is not about anti-immigration, anti-Hispanic or anything else,’ he said. ‘This is about protecting the citizens. SB 54 and the sanctuary city law actually protects felons more than it does law-abiding citizens.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/16/18](#)]

**2018: The San Diego Board Of Supervisors Voted To File A Brief Supporting Trump**

**April 2018: The San Diego Board Of Supervisors Voted 3-1 To File A Brief Siding With The Federal Government Against California’s Sanctuary State Law.** “On Tuesday, the county Board of Supervisors voted to file a court brief siding with the federal government in its lawsuit against California’s so-called sanctuary state law. [...] Supervisor Greg Cox was the lone dissenter in the 3-1 vote. Supervisor Ron Roberts was absent but said his colleagues should ‘stay out of it.’” [CBS 8 News, [4/19/18](#)]

**April 2018: Trump Thanked San Diego County For Supporting His Lawsuit.** “Thank you San Diego County for defending the rule of law and supporting our lawsuit against California’s illegal and unconstitutional ‘Sanctuary’ policies. California’s dangerous policies release violent criminals back into our communities, putting all Americans at risk.” [Donald J. Trump, Twitter, [4/19/18](#)]



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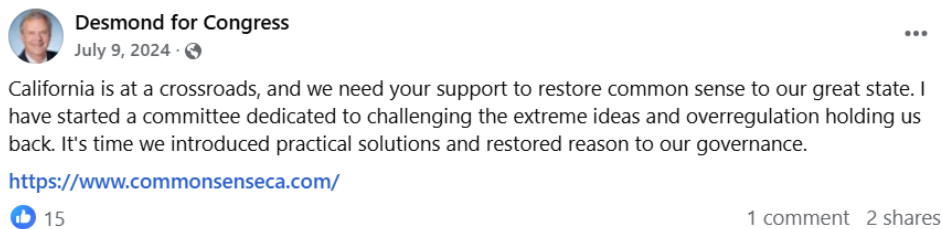
**2019: As A Supervisor, Desmond Voted To Support The Trump Administration’s Lawsuit Against California’s Sanctuary Laws**

**November 2019: As A Supervisor, Desmond Voted To Support The Trump Administration’s Lawsuit Against California’s Sanctuary Laws.** “A divided San Diego County Board of Supervisors Wednesday voted 3-2 in a closed session to again support the Trump administration’s lawsuit against California over the state’s so-called sanctuary laws, which limit local law enforcement’s role in immigration enforcement. [...] Jacob and Gaspar again backed the Trump administration’s lawsuit Wednesday and were joined by Supervisor Jim Desmond. Cox and Supervisor Nathan Fletcher voted against the measure.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [11/20/19](#)]

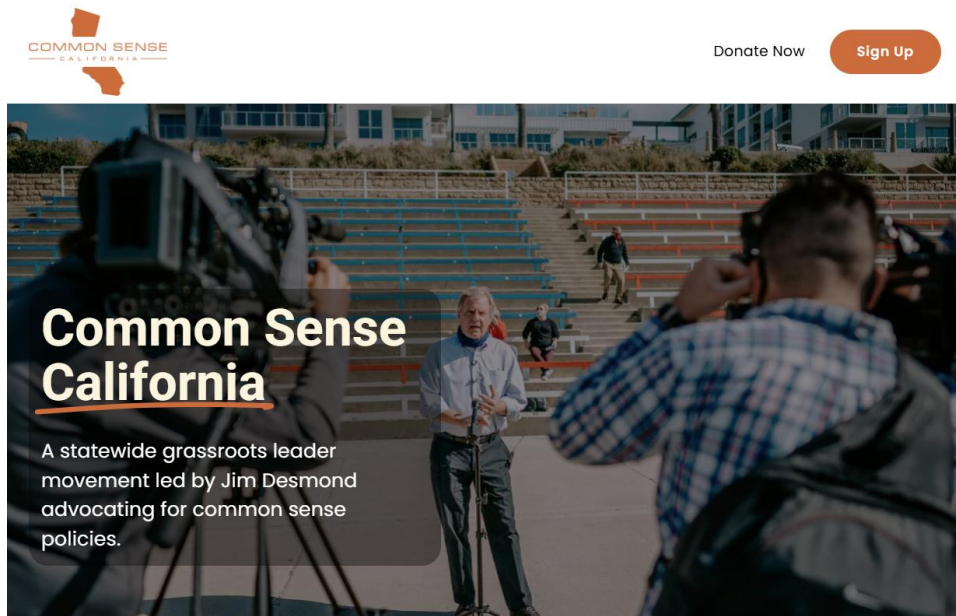
**2024: Desmond Started A Political Committee, Common Sense California, Which Paid His Communications Director Nearly \$6,000 And Spent Nearly \$37,000 For A Voter ID Ballot Initiative**

**July 2024: Desmond Started A Committee, Common Sense California, Which He Said Would Advocate For “Common Sense Policies” Through Mail And Digital Ads**

**July 2024: In Introducing Common Sense California, Desmond Said, “I Have Started A Committee Dedicated To Challenging The Extreme Ideas And Overregulation Holding Us Back.”** “California is at a crossroads, and we need your support to restore common sense to our great state. I have started a committee dedicated to challenging the extreme ideas and overregulation holding us back. It's time we introduced practical solutions and restored reason to our governance. <https://www.commonsenseca.com/>.” [Desmond for Congress, Facebook, [7/9/24](#)]



**Common Sense California’s Website Said It Was “A Statewide Grassroots Leader Movement Led By Jim Desmond Advocating For Common Sense Policies.”** “A statewide grassroots leader movement led by Jim Desmond advocating for common sense policies.” [Common Sense California, accessed [5/14/26](#)]



[Common Sense California, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

**Common Sense California’s Website Said It Achieved Its Mission Through Digital Ads, Mailers, And Other Platforms.** “We are fighting for common sense policies, but it will take all of us coming together and speaking out. Common Sense California achieves its mission by: Fighting against tax increases and far-left policies that are destroying our region. Through digital ads, mailers, and other platforms, we are able to get messaging out fighting for common sense principles. Jim Desmond, one of the leading common sense voices in San Diego County, is fighting to lower taxes and make Southern California more affordable.” [Common Sense California, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

## Our Mission

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[Common Sense California, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

**2024: Common Sense California Paid Nearly \$6,000 To Its Principal Officer, Miles Himmel, Who Was Desmond's Communications Director And Later Received More Than \$29,000 From Desmond's Congressional Campaign**

**2024: Common Sense California Listed Miles Himmel As Its Principal Officer And Paid Himmel Nearly \$6,000**

**June 2024: In Its Statement Of Organization, Common Sense California Listed Miles Himmel As Its Principal Officer.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 410, filed [6/5/24](#)]

<b>Statement of Organization Recipient Committee</b> Statement Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Termination – See Part 5 <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not yet qualified or Date qualification threshold met <input type="radio"/> Date qualification threshold met <input type="radio"/> Date of termination		Date Stamp <b>CALIFORNIA FORM 410</b> For Official Use Only 2024 JUN 13 PM 3:12 R / RLIM REC'D S.D. CO ROV
<b>1. Committee Information</b> NAME OF COMMITTEE: <b>Common Sense California</b> STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX): [REDACTED] CITY: Imperial Beach STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91932 AREA CODE/PHONE: [REDACTED] FULL MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): [REDACTED] E-MAIL ADDRESS OF COMMITTEE (REQUIRED) / FAX (OPTIONAL): briana@bbcampaigns.com COUNTY OF DOMICILE: San Diego JURISDICTION WHERE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE: San Diego County		<b>2. Treasurer and Other Principal Officers</b> NAME OF TREASURER: Briana Bilbray STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX): [REDACTED] CITY: Imperial Beach STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91932 EMAIL ADDRESS OF TREASURER (REQUIRED): Briana@bbcampaigns.com AREA CODE/PHONE: [REDACTED] NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY: [REDACTED] STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX): [REDACTED] CITY: [REDACTED] STATE: [REDACTED] ZIP CODE: [REDACTED] EMAIL ADDRESS OF ASSISTANT TREASURER (REQUIRED): [REDACTED] AREA CODE/PHONE: [REDACTED] NAME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S): Miles Himmel STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX): [REDACTED] CITY: Imperial Beach STATE: CA ZIP CODE: 91932 EMAIL ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) (REQUIRED): briana@bbcampaigns.com AREA CODE/PHONE: [REDACTED]

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 410, filed [6/5/24](#)]

- **July 2024: Common Sense California Amended Its Name To Include “Controlled By Jim Desmond.”** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 410, filed [7/11/24](#)]

**Statement of Organization  
Recipient Committee**

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<b>1. Committee Information</b>		<b>2. Treasurer and Other Principal Officers</b>	
I.D. Number 1470040		NAME OF TREASURER Briana Bilbray	
NAME OF COMMITTEE Common Sense California, controlled by Jim Desmond		STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX) Imperial Beach	
STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)		CITY Imperial Beach	
CITY Imperial Beach		STATE CA	
STATE CA		ZIP CODE 91932	
ZIP CODE 91932		AREA CODE/PHONE	
FULL MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)		EMAIL ADDRESS OF TREASURER (REQUIRED) Briana@bbcampaigns.com	
E-MAIL ADDRESS OF COMMITTEE (REQUIRED) / FAX (OPTIONAL) briana@bbcampaigns.com		NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY	
COUNTY OF DOMICILE San Diego		STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)	
JURISDICTION WHERE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE San Diego County		CITY Imperial Beach	
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		NAME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER(S) Miles Himmel	
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		CITY Imperial Beach	
		STATE CA	
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[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 410, filed [7/11/24](#)]

**2024: Common Sense California Paid Miles Himmel Nearly \$6,000, Which It Reported Was For Literature, IT, And Office Expenses.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/31/25](#)]

2024: Payments From Common Sense California To Miles Himmel			
Statement Period	Payee Name	Code or Description	Amount
7/1/24 to 12/31/24	Miles Himmel	LIT and WEB	\$1,976.70
7/1/24 to 12/31/24	Miles Himmel	WEB	\$1,352.75
7/1/24 to 12/31/24	Miles Himmel	LIT	\$2,086.20
7/1/24 to 12/31/24	Miles Himmel	OFC	\$507.76
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$5,923.41</b>

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/31/25](#)]

*NOTE: LIT stood for campaign literature and mailings. WEB stood for information technology costs. OFC stood for office expenses.*

**2019-2026: Miles Himmel Served As Desmond’s Communications Director On The Board Of Supervisors**

**As Of May 2026, Desmond’s County Supervisor Website Listed Miles Himmel As His Communications Director.** “Miles Himmel | Communications Director Miles comes to us from KFMB-TV & Radio, where he worked for the past five years. His dad was a beloved TV reporter in San Diego for over 35 years. Miles is a native San Diegan, who started a Foundation in memory of his father. The Larry Himmel Neighborhood Foundation helps those in need in San Diego. He’s also the host of the Carols by Candlelight annual concert, which benefits Rady Children’s Hospital. Miles was recently named as a 40 under 40 awardee for his work in the community and has been featured on CNN Headline News for various stories in San Diego. In his free time, Miles loves traveling, spending time with friends/family and with his retired racehorse! If you’re a member of the media, contact Miles who will assist to coordinate. Miles.Himmel@sdcounty.ca.gov.” [Supervisor Jim Desmond, District 5 Team, accessed [5/19/26](#)]



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## Miles Himmel | Communications Director

Miles comes to us from KFMB-TV & Radio, where he worked for the past five years. His dad was a beloved TV reporter in San Diego for over 35 years. Miles is a native San Diegan, who started a Foundation in memory of his father. The Larry Himmel Neighborhood Foundation helps those in need in San Diego. He's also the host of the Carols by Candlelight annual concert, which benefits Rady Children's Hospital.

Miles was recently named as a 40 under 40 awardee for his work in the community and has been featured on CNN Headline News for various stories in San Diego.

In his free time, Miles loves traveling, spending time with friends/family and with his retired racehorse!

**If you're a member of the media, contact Miles who will assist to coordinate.**

[Miles.Himmel@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Miles.Himmel@sdcounty.ca.gov)

[Supervisor Jim Desmond, District 5 Team, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

**According To Miles Himmel's LinkedIn Profile, Himmel Served As Communications Director For Supervisor Jim Desmond Since March 2019.** [Miles Himmel, LinkedIn, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

**Experience**



**Communications Director**  
 County of San Diego  
 Mar 2019 - Present · 7 yrs 3 mos  
 Greater San Diego Area

Communications Director for District 5 Supervisor, Jim Desmond.



**Play-by-Play**  
 University of California San Diego  
 Jan 2017 - Present · 9 yrs 5 mos

Play-by-play announcer for Tritons TV at University of California San Diego.



**Founder**  
 Larry Himmel Neighborhood Foundation  
 Jan 2016 - Present · 10 yrs 5 mos  
 San Diego

\*Founder of LHNH (501c3), which helps people in the communities of San Diego, by giving donations, goods and whatever is necessary. ...see more



**Producer**  
 KFMB Stations  
 Jun 2014 - Feb 2019 · 4 yrs 9 mos  
 San Diego, California

\*Manage day to day operations for leading talk shows on AM 760.  
 \*Coordinate guests, segments and programming for AM 760. ...see more



[Miles Himmel, LinkedIn, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

**2025-2026: Desmond’s Congressional Campaign Paid Himmel More Than \$29,000, Reportedly For “Reimbursement”**

**2025-2026: Desmond For Congress Paid Miles Himmel More Than \$29,000, Which It Reported With The Description “Reimbursement.”** [FEC, Desmond for Congress, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

<b>2025-2026: Payments From Desmond For Congress To Miles Himmel</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1/30/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$3,814.59
3/24/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$2,466.95
4/28/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$1,211.78
6/11/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$2,003.79
7/25/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$2,271.93
8/26/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$1,331.41
10/03/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$1,585.80
11/20/25	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$3,014.94
1/5/26	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$3,290.94
1/26/26	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$2,312.83
2/17/26	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$2,269.65
3/20/26	Miles Himmel	Reimbursement	\$3,494.46
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$29,069.07</b>

[FEC, Desmond for Congress, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

**2024: Desmond’s Local Campaign Committee Gave \$1,100 To Common Sense California**

**2024: Desmond For Supervisor 2022 Gave \$1,100 To Common Sense California.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/30/24](#)]

**Schedule D**  
**Summary of Expenditures**  
**Supporting/Opposing Other**  
**Candidates, Measures and Committees**

Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

Statement covers period  
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 through 06/30/2024

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DATE	NAME OF CANDIDATE, OFFICE, AND DISTRICT, OR MEASURE NUMBER OR LETTER AND JURISDICTION, OR COMMITTEE	TYPE OF PAYMENT	DESCRIPTION (IF REQUIRED)	AMOUNT THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN. 1 - DEC. 31)	PER ELECTION TO DATE (IF REQUIRED)
03/15/2024	Citizens for a Strong Economy Imperial Beach CA 91932 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmonetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure		3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00 G-22
06/30/2024	Common Sense California Imperial Beach CA 91932 <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmonetary Contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Expenditure		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00 G-22

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/30/24](#)]

**2025: Common Sense California Contributed To Southern California Party Committees And Spent Nearly \$37,000 In Support Of A Voter ID Ballot Initiative**

**2025: Common Sense California Contributed To The Republican Parties Of Orange And San Diego Counties And Spent Nearly \$37,000 In Support Of A Voter ID Ballot Initiative.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/28/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/19/26](#)]

2025: Schedule D Summary Of Expenditures By Common Sense California			
Date	Committee	Code Or Description	Amount
3/22/25	Republican Party of Orange County	CTB	\$500.00
4/29/25	Republican Party of Orange County	CTB	\$175.00
3/21/25	Republican Party of San Diego County	CTB	\$500.00
6/25/25	Republican Party of San Diego County	CTB	\$2,750.00
8/5/25	Initiative 25-0007, 25-0007, State	Lit in support of the Voter ID Initiative	\$36,876.80

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/28/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/19/26](#)]

NOTE: CTB stood for “contribution (explain nonmonetary).”

**2026: Initiative 25-0007 Would Require An ID To Vote.** “One issue the League is opposing this year is a California ballot initiative (25-0007) that would require an ID to vote. Currently, voter registration in the state requires someone to self-attest to their own citizenship.” [ABC 10, [3/16/26](#)]

- **The League Of Women Voters Of California Opposed The Voter ID Initiative.** ““You are required to be a citizen to vote on the governor, on all the ballot initiatives, for Congress,’ said Jenny Farrell. She’s executive director of the League of Women Voters of California, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that advocates for voter education and access. One issue the League is opposing this year is a California ballot initiative (25-0007) that would require an ID to vote. Currently, voter registration in the state requires someone to self-attest to their own citizenship.” [ABC 10, [3/16/26](#)]

**2025: Common Sense California Gave Money To A Variety Of Causes, Including Citizens For A Strong Economy And Dan Crenshaw For Congress**

**2025: Comon Sense California Gave Money To Various Causes, Including Citizens For A Strong Economy And Dan Crenshaw For Congress.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/28/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/19/26](#)]

2025: Schedule E Notable Payments By Common Sense California			
Statement Period	Committee	Code Or Description	Amount
1/1/25 to 6/30/25	Citizens for a Strong Economy ID#1393539	OFC	\$2,015.40
7/1/25 to 12/31/25	Citizens for a Strong Economy ID#1393539	OFC	\$602.00
7/1/25 to 12/31/25	Dan Crenshaw for Congress	CTB	\$999.00
7/1/25 to 12/31/25	Lincoln Club Business League	CVC	\$2,000.00
7/1/25 to 12/31/25	Newport Harbor Republican Women	MTG	\$250.00

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [7/28/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/19/26](#)]

*NOTE: OFC stood for office expenses. CTB stood for contribution (explain nonmonetary). CVC stood for civic donations. MTG stood for meetings and appearances.*

- **2024: Citizens For A Strong Economy Paid \$19,000 To the San Diego County Republican Party.** [San Diego County, Citizens for a Strong Economy, Form 460, filed [2/22/24](#)]

<b>Schedule E Payments Made</b>		Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.		Statement covers period from 01/01/2024 through 01/20/2024		SCHEDULE E <b>CALIFORNIA FORM 460</b> Page 3 of 3 I.D. NUMBER 1393539	
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NAME OF FILER <b>CITIZENS FOR A STRONG ECONOMY</b>							
<b>CODES:</b> If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.							
CMP	campaign paraphernalia/misc.	MBR	member communications	RAD	radio airtime and production costs		
CNS	campaign consultants	MTG	meetings and appearances	RFD	returned contributions		
CTB	contribution (explain nonmonetary)*	OFC	office expenses	SAL	campaign workers' salaries		
CVC	civic donations	PET	petition circulating	TEL	t.v. or cable airtime and production costs		
FIL	candidate filing/ballot fees	PHO	phone banks	TRC	candidate travel, lodging, and meals		
FND	fundraising events	POL	polling and survey research	TRS	staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals		
IND	independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*	POS	postage, delivery and messenger services	TSF	transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor		
LEG	legal defense	PRO	professional services (legal, accounting)	VOT	voter registration		
LIT	campaign literature and mailings	PRT	print ads	WEB	information technology costs (internet, e-mail)		
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)				CODE OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID	
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY ID#741949 SAN DIEGO CA 92108				CTB		19,000.00	

[San Diego County, Citizens for a Strong Economy, Form 460, filed [2/22/24](#)]

**Transparency And Political Culture Issues**

**Desmond Voted Against His Own Resolution On The Tijuana River Sewage Crisis After The Resolution Was Amended And Later Was Not Present For A Vote On Continuing The Local Emergency On The Subject**

**2025: Desmond Introduced A Resolution To Urge The Federal Government To Pressure Mexico To End The Tijuana River Sewage Crisis**

**2025: Desmond Introduced A Resolution To Urge The Federal Government To Pressure Mexico To End The Tijuana River Sewage Crisis.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution Wednesday that urges the federal government to pressure Mexico to end the Tijuana River sewage crisis. The resolution, brought forth by Republican Supervisor Jim Desmond, passed by a vote of 3-1. But it was Desmond who ultimately

cast the lone ‘no’ vote because the amended version officials approved doesn’t go far enough, he said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/4/25](#)]

- **Billions Of Gallons Of Raw Sewage And Polluted Stormwater Flowed Down The Tijuana River And Into The Pacific Ocean, Closing San Diego Beaches And Sparking Public Health Concerns.** “The Tijuana River has been at the center of a transboundary pollution crisis on the U.S./Mexico border for decades, resulting in public health impacts, closed beaches and massive environmental degradation of the Tijuana River Estuary and coastal marine waters from Tijuana to Coronado. [...] Since October 2023, a staggering 31 billion gallons of raw sewage, polluted stormwater and trash have flowed down the Tijuana River into the Tijuana River Valley and the Pacific Ocean, closing numerous San Diego beaches, and sparking major concerns over public health risks, coastal water pollution and the degradation of the Tijuana River Estuary. This failure has significant repercussions for cross-border water quality and the well-being of communities in the San Diego region.” [San Diego Coastkeeper, [5/2/24](#)]

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### **After Criticism From Other Supervisors, Desmond Voted Against The Amended Resolution, Saying It Did Not Go Far Enough**

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**Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer And Monica Montgomery Steppe Expressed Concern About Desmond’s Version Of The Resolution Potentially Playing Into “Anti-Mexico Rhetoric.”** “The resolution, brought forth by Republican Supervisor Jim Desmond, passed by a vote of 3-1. But it was Desmond who ultimately cast the lone ‘no’ vote because the amended version officials approved doesn’t go far enough, he said. Democratic Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery Steppe expressed concern that the original version was too broad and potentially played into ‘anti-Mexico rhetoric.’ ‘We’re over being afraid of hurting (Mexico’s) feelings,’ said Desmond. ‘We gotta come across with some tough language.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/4/25](#)]

**Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against The Amended Resolution To Urge The Federal Government To Pressure Mexico To End The Tijuana River Sewage Crisis.** “The San Diego County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution Wednesday that urges the federal government to pressure Mexico to end the Tijuana River sewage crisis. The resolution, brought forth by Republican Supervisor Jim Desmond, passed by a vote of 3-1. But it was Desmond who ultimately cast the lone ‘no’ vote because the amended version officials approved doesn’t go far enough, he said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/4/25](#)]

**Desmond Said The Amended Version Of The Resolution Did Not Go Far Enough.** “The resolution, brought forth by Republican Supervisor Jim Desmond, passed by a vote of 3-1. But it was Desmond who ultimately cast the lone ‘no’ vote because the amended version officials approved doesn’t go far enough, he said. Democratic Supervisors Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery Steppe expressed concern that the original version was too broad and potentially played into ‘anti-Mexico rhetoric.’ ‘We’re over being afraid of hurting (Mexico’s) feelings,’ said Desmond. ‘We gotta come across with some tough language.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/4/25](#)]

- **Desmond: “We Gotta Come Across With Some Tough Language.”** ‘We’re over being afraid of hurting (Mexico’s) feelings,’ said Desmond. ‘We gotta come across with some tough language.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/4/25](#)]

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### **2026: Desmond Was Marked Not Present For A Vote On Continuing The Local Emergency For U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Pollution**

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**2026: Desmond Was Marked Not Present For A Vote On Continuing The Local Emergency For U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Pollution.** “LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW: PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR U.S.-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS AND RELATED CEQA EXEMPTION (DISTRICTS: ALL) [...] ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Aguirre, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: 1. Found that the proclamation of local emergency is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15060(c)(2) and (3), 15061(b)(3), and 15378(b)(4)&(5) because the action is an administrative action intended to facilitate state and federal funding, does not commit the County to a specific project, and will not

have a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect effect on the environment. 2. Found that there is a need to continue the local emergency and that the local emergency shall continue subject to review requirements until terminated pursuant to Government Code section 8630( d). 3. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to forward the proclamation to the State and include the following documents, which the State can also forward to the federal government: • a summary of recent County efforts and projects to mitigate the Tijuana River Valley pollution crisis, including but not limited to: Saturn Blvd hotspot feasibility study, AIRE purifier program enhancements, and an overview of pending epidemiological study and expanded Syndromic Surveillance efforts. [...] AYES: Aguirre, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe ABSENT: Anderson NOT PRESENT: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [3/25/26](#)]

### **2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Establishing A Subcommittee To Review County Contracts To Reduce Costs And Improve Service Delivery**

**2025: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Establishing A Subcommittee To Review County Contracts And Agreements To Reduce Costs And Improve Service Delivery.** “ACTION: ON MOTION of Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Aguirre, the Board of Supervisors took the following actions: 1. Establish an ad hoc subcommittee of this Board, entitled the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Fiscal Transparency and Accountability (Subcommittee), and appoint Supervisor Joel Anderson and Chair Pro Tern Paloma Aguirre for the purpose of reviewing County contracts and agreements to identify actions that can be taken to reduce costs, enhance revenue, and improve service delivery quality received by the County. [...] AYES: Aguirre, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe NOES: Desmond.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [11/18/25](#)]

**The Resolution Tasked The Subcommittee With Reviewing County Contracts For A Variety Of Items, Including If The County Could Find Fiscal Benefits By Restructuring Contracts And If Contracted Services Could Be Performed By County Employees.** “a. Review and analyze contracts awarded prior to January 1, 2021, to determine if procurement policy changes since that date can and should be applied to those contracts and to consider any potential fiscal benefits through the reprocurement or restructuring of those contracts; b. Work with the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to explore the potential for currently contracted services to be performed by County staff to create economies of scale and reduce costs and improve service delivery quality; c. Work with the CAO to enhance County policies and procedures related to key performance indicator development, measurement, tracking, and accountability measures that will advance equity, community, sustainability and responsible labor standards for current and future contracted services. d. Determine if contracts with terms in place that exceed a total of five contract years should undergo an earlier reprocurement process to allow for additional vendor competition to achieve revenue and/or service delivery enhancements to the County; e. Determine which contracts, agreements or investments currently provide the greatest level of economic return to the region, and which could provide additional economic benefits if awarded to local vendors; f. Review existing County revenue agreements to determine if renegotiations are appropriate to enhance revenue to the County; and g. Work with the CAO, impacted labor organizations and community stakeholders to identify any changes to County contracting policy, standards or practices, that could increase competition, improve service outcomes, and enhance revenue through future procurement submittals and the awarding of contracts.” [San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Meeting Minutes, [11/18/25](#)]

### **2014: Desmond Voted To Cancel His Own Uncontested Mayoral Election**

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#### **2014: Desmond Voted To Cancel His Own Uncontested Mayoral Election**

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**2014: Desmond Voted To Cancel Uncontested San Marcos Mayoral And Council Elections.** “Should a council member or mayor who is running uncontested in an upcoming election be allowed to cast a deciding vote to scrap the election, especially if it means the city can save significant money? [...] In San Marcos, Mayor Jim Desmond and council members Chris Orlando and Kristal Jabara were all up for re-election this year. At the council’s Aug. 20 meeting, Desmond and Jabara joined in the 3-2 vote to cancel the mayoral election and the 3-1 vote to scrap the council election. Orlando recused himself during the vote on the council race.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 9/2/14]

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### **Desmond Said His Decision To Cancel The Election “Came Down To Saving Taxpayer Dollars”**

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**In Discussing His Vote To Cancel The Election, Desmond Said, “It Didn’t Come Down To Appearances For Me; It Came Down To Saving Taxpayer Dollars.”** “In San Marcos, Mayor Jim Desmond and council members Chris Orlando and Kristal Jabara were all up for re-election this year. At the council’s Aug. 20 meeting, Desmond and Jabara joined in the 3-2 vote to cancel the mayoral election and the 3-1 vote to scrap the council election. Orlando recused himself during the vote on the council race. [...] ‘It didn’t come down to appearances for me; it came down to saving taxpayer dollars,’ Desmond said, noting that no one had filed to run against him. ‘The chance of a successful write-in campaign is less than 5 percent. So to spend money on something that has a 95 percent chance of failure to me was not a prudent use of taxpayer dollars,’ he said.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 9/2/14]

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<b>2007: Desmond’s Nomination Of Rebecca Jones To Fill His Vacancy On The San Marcos City Council Drew Criticism For Possible Cronyism</b>
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### **2007: Desmond Nominated Rebecca Jones To Fill The Vacancy He Left On San Marcos City Council**

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**January 2007: The San Marcos City Council Appointed Rebecca Jones To Fill The Vacancy Left By Desmond In A 2-1 Vote.** “The council’s newest member, Rebecca Jones, says she’s ready to move past the controversy surrounding her appointment and get on with improving the city. Questions were raised after Jones was picked 2-1 by the council on Jan. 9 from a pool of applicants that included many who have spent years on city boards and commissions and others who ran for office in November. The seat filled by Jones became vacant last month when Jim Desmond was installed as mayor. It has two years remaining on its term.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

**Desmond Nominated Jones To Fill The Vacancy.** “Jones, 39, was nominated by Desmond from eight candidates that applied to the five-member council. Councilman Hal Martin seconded the nomination, and Councilman Mike Preston voted against it. Councilman Chris Orlando recused himself because he said her husband, Paul Jones, donated \$150 to his campaign.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

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### **Desmond Said Jones Did Not Have The Experience Others Had But Expressed Concerns About “One Demographic 100 Percent Monopolizing A Representative Council,” Which Was All White Men**

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**Before Jones’ Appointment, Desmond Said He Would Base His Nomination On The Applicants’ Presentations, But After The Presentations He Read From What Appeared To Be A Prepared Speech About Diversity.** “Before Jones’ appointment, Desmond pledged that his nomination would be based on the applicants’

presentations at the council meeting, saying ‘everyone gets a chance.’ After the presentations, however, he began reading from what appeared to be a prepared speech about diversity. ‘I don’t know if you were aware of this, but he had a typewritten speech that he was reading from,’ Preston said after the vote. ‘I’m sitting next to him, and he’s looking down at a typewritten document. I didn’t see a typewriter at his desk, so I guess he forgot about that.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

**Desmond Said Jones Did Not Have The Experience Others Had But He “Did Not Want To Have One Demographic 100 Percent Monopolizing A Representative Council.”** “Desmond said later that he had in fact decided on Jones the Sunday night before the meeting. ‘She didn’t have the experience that other people had,’ Desmond said. ‘But I did not want to have one demographic 100 percent monopolizing a representative council.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

- **The Four Existing Members Of The Council Were White Men.** “‘He had talked about not wanting to see the five white guys on the dais,’ said Kildoo, who applied for the open seat at the request of an unnamed council member. ‘He obviously felt diversity was more important. I disagreed with him on any number of occasions where it came up, and I still disagree with him.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

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### **Desmond’s Speech About Diversity Drew Criticism From Residents**

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**San Diego Union-Tribune: “Desmond’s Speech About Diversity Ran Hollow To Some Audience Members.”** “Jones’ quick appointment and Desmond’s speech about diversity rang hollow to some audience members at the Jan. 9 meeting, a large group of which left the chambers before she took her oath. ‘It didn’t look normal,’ said Neill Kovrig, a traffic commissioner for four years and fellow applicant. ‘It looked bizarre. It sounded bizarre. It didn’t quite ring true. ‘This question of diversity, I can play the Puerto Rican card, or the Hawaiian card — to say it has to be a woman I think is insulting to women in general. It seems to me kind of patting her on the head and saying you’ll do fine.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

- **Logan Jenkins Column: “Desmond Delivered A Short Speech That Exhibited The Rhetorical Flexibility Of Gumby.”** “To counter the catcalls, Desmond delivered a short speech that exhibited the rhetorical flexibility of Gumby. While skeptical of strict quotas based on gender or ethnicity, he supported Jones because, in his view, San Marcos would be ill-served with an undiverse [*sic*] council composed of five middle-aged white men.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Logan Jenkins Column, 1/20/07]

**In Discussing Desmond’s Speech, Traffic Commissioner Neill Kovrig Said, “It Looked Bizarre. It Sounded Bizarre. It Didn’t Quite Ring True.”** “Jones’ quick appointment and Desmond’s speech about diversity rang hollow to some audience members at the Jan. 9 meeting, a large group of which left the chambers before she took her oath. ‘It didn’t look normal,’ said Neill Kovrig, a traffic commissioner for four years and fellow applicant. ‘It looked bizarre. It sounded bizarre. It didn’t quite ring true. ‘This question of diversity, I can play the Puerto Rican card, or the Hawaiian card — to say it has to be a woman I think is insulting to women in general. It seems to me kind of patting her on the head and saying you’ll do fine.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [1/17/07](#)]

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### **Critics Of Jones’ Appointment Said It Looked Like Cronyism And Noted Jones’ Relationships With Mayor Desmond And Other Council Members**

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**Logan Jenkins Column: Critics Said Jones’ Appointment Was A Result Of Cronyism.** “Not completely, but the appointment of Rebecca Jones is better than the unnecessary alternative. The obvious choice, of course, was Dean Nelson, chairman of the Planning Commission and the first runner-up in the November election. No one would have said boo if Nelson had received the nod. As it is, critics are saying much worse than boo. In fact, they’re say [*sic*] cronyism.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Logan Jenkins Column, 1/20/07]

**Logan Jenkins Column: “Jones’ Strongest Qualification For The Position Is Her Relationships With Mayor Jim Desmond” And Other Council Members.** “In the jaundiced view, Jones’ strongest qualification for the position is her relationships with Mayor Jim Desmond, Councilman Hal Martin and newly elected Councilman

Chris Orlando (who recused himself because Jones' husband contributed to his campaign).” [San Diego Union-Tribune, Logan Jenkins Column, 1/20/07]

### **2006: Desmond Supported A Controversial Road Extension Proposal And Drew Criticism For “Backroom Politics” For Distributing Fliers To Nearby Residents**

#### **2006: Desmond Supported A Controversial Road Extension Proposal To Connect Las Posas Road And Buena Creek Road**

**2006: Desmond Supported A Controversial Road Extension Proposal That Would Connect Las Posas Road And Buena Creek Road.** “Two neighborhoods remain divided over a road extension that has been planned for nearly 20 years. After a City Council meeting this week, residents are no closer to finding out what will happen to the four-lane extension, which would connect Las Posas Road to Buena Creek Road, one mile north. [...] Some residents who oppose the extension also criticized Councilman Jim Desmond at the meeting. They complained that Desmond, who supports the extension, distributed fliers about the meeting to residents living on Borden Road, which connects Las Posas to Twin Oaks Valley roads.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 7/27/06]

#### **Residents Criticized Desmond For “Backroom Politics” For Distributing Fliers To Residents On Nearby Borden Road And Booed His Response That He Was Informing Constituents About The Issue**

**Some Residents Criticized Desmond For Distributing Fliers To Residents Living On Nearby Borden Road.** “Some residents who oppose the extension also criticized Councilman Jim Desmond at the meeting. They complained that Desmond, who supports the extension, distributed fliers about the meeting to residents living on Borden Road, which connects Las Posas to Twin Oaks Valley roads. In bold print, one sentence read, ‘If Las Posas Road is not completed, it will divert more traffic on to Borden Road and directly in front of Paloma Elementary School.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 7/27/06]

**Resident Carolyn Hallock: “The Distribution Of This Flier Is An Example Of Backroom Politics. Mr. Desmond Is Telling A Biased Half-Truth To The Residents On Borden Road.”** “Some accused Desmond of bias. ‘The distribution of this flier is an example of backroom politics,’ said Carolyn Hallock. ‘Mr. Desmond is telling a biased half-truth to the residents on Borden Road.’” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 7/27/06]

**Desmond Said He Was Informing His Constituents About The Extension Project’s Impact, Which Drew Boos From The Audience.** “Desmond explained that he was informing his constituents about the extension's impact, which drew boos from some in the audience. Desmond said he's ‘not sticking it to a neighborhood’ because he supports the extension, and that perhaps a citizens' committee should be created to recommend alternatives.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 7/27/06]

## **Urban Sprawl Issues**

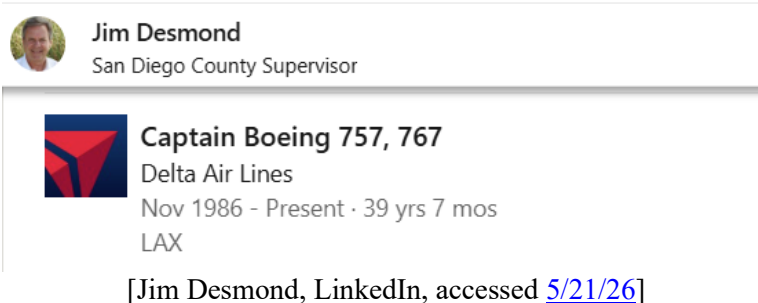
### **2018: In Discussing Urban Sprawl, Desmond Said “As Soon As You Can Figure Out How To Stop People From Reproducing Then We Can Stop Building Houses”**

**VIDEO: 2018: In Discussing Urban Sprawl, Desmond Said “As Soon As You Can Figure Out How To Stop People From Reproducing Then We Can Stop Building Houses.”** DESMOND: “As far as urban sprawl, as soon as you can figure out how to stop people from reproducing then we can stop building houses. But until that happens, we’re going to have to provide housing for the workforce.” [North County Arts Network via YouTube, 00:23, [9/22/18](#)] (VIDEO)

## Professional History

### 1986-2020: Desmond Was A Captain At Delta Airlines

**1986: According To Desmond's LinkedIn, He Started As A Captain At Delta Airlines.** [Jim Desmond, LinkedIn, accessed [5/21/26](#)]



**2020: Desmond Retired As A Captain At Delta Airlines.** “In 2020, Desmond retired as a Captain for Delta Airlines after having been a commercial airline pilot for 34 years. Demond previously served in the US Navy.” [La Prensa, [3/8/26](#)]

### 1994-2000: Desmond Owned Technical Standards Inc., A Technical Writing Company

**1994-2000: According To Desmond's LinkedIn, He Was The Owner Of Technical Standards Inc.** “Technical Writing and Documentation Company 30+ employees, 2 million annual sales.” [Jim Desmond, LinkedIn, accessed [5/21/26](#)]



- **Desmond Said Technical Standards Inc. Was A Technical Writing Company That Employed More Than 30 People.** “Technical Writing and Documentation Company 30+ employees, 2 million annual sales.” [Jim Desmond, LinkedIn, accessed [5/21/26](#)]

## Political Career

### Election Results

#### 2022: Desmond Won Re-Election To The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Seat

**November 2022: Desmond Won The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District General Election By 37,176 Votes.** [California Secretary of State, 2022 County Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

<b>2022 San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Election Results – General</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond (R)	110,529	60.1%
Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson (D)	73,353	39.9%

[California Secretary of State, 2022 County Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

*NOTE: There was [no primary](#) in 2022 since there were only two candidates in the 5<sup>th</sup> district.*

*NOTE: San Diego Board of Supervisors elections were officially nonpartisan.*

## **2018: Desmond Ran For The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Seat And Won**

**November 2018: Desmond Won The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District General Election By 25,221 Votes.** [California Secretary of State, 2022 County Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

<b>2018 San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Election Results – General</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond (R)	112,267	56.3%
Michelle Gomez (D)	87,046	43.7%

[California Secretary of State, 2018 County Election Results, [11/6/18](#)]

**June 2018: Desmond Came In First Place For The San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Top-Two Primary Election.** [California Secretary of State, 2022 County Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

<b>2018 San Diego County Board Of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District Election Results – Primary</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond (R)	58,417	45.2%
Michelle Gomez (D)	29,662	22.9%
Jerome Jerry Kern (R)	24,804	19.2%
Jacqueline Arsivaud (D)	16,482	12.7%

[California Secretary of State, 2018 County Election Results, [6/5/18](#)]

*NOTE: The top two vote-getters in the primary moved on to the general election.*

*NOTE: San Diego Board of Supervisors' elections were officially nonpartisan.*

## **2014: Desmond Ran Unopposed For Re-Election As Mayor Of San Marcos**

**November 2014: Desmond Was Unchallenged For Mayor Of San Marcos.** “San Marcos Mayor Jim Desmond and Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall were unchallenged. San Marcos even canceled its mayoral race for lack of opposition.” [KPBS, [11/5/14](#)]

- **August 2014: Desmond Voted To Cancel Uncontested San Marcos Mayoral And Council Elections.** “Should a council member or mayor who is running uncontested in an upcoming election be allowed to cast a deciding vote to scrap the election, especially if it means the city can save significant money? [...] In San Marcos, Mayor Jim Desmond and council members Chris Orlando and Kristal Jabara were all up for re-election this year. At the council’s Aug. 20 meeting, Desmond and Jabara joined in the 3-2 vote to cancel the mayoral election and the 3-1 vote to scrap the council election. Orlando recused himself during the vote on the council race.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, 9/2/14]

## **2010: Desmond Ran Unopposed For Re-Election As Mayor Of San Marcos**

**November 2010: Desmond Ran Unopposed For Re-Election As Mayor Of San Marcos.** [California Secretary of State, 2010 City Election Results, [11/2/10](#)]

<b>2010 San Marcos Mayoral Election Results – General</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond (R)	17,516	100.0%

[California Secretary of State, 2010 City Election Results, [11/2/10](#)]

*NOTE: San Marcos mayoral elections were officially nonpartisan.*

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### **2006: Desmond Ran For Mayor Of San Marcos And Won**

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**November 2006: Desmond Won The San Marcos Mayor General Election By 25,221 Votes.** [California Secretary of State, 2022 County Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

<b>2006 San Marcos Mayoral Election Results – General</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond (R)	8,782	53.6%
F. H. “Corky” Smith (R)	7,594	46.4%

[California Secretary of State, 2006 City Election Results, [11/7/06](#)]

*NOTE: San Marcos mayoral elections were officially nonpartisan.*

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### **2004: Desmond Ran For San Marcos City Council And Won**

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**November 2004: Desmond Won The San Marcos City Council General Election.** [California Secretary of State, 2004 City Election Results, [11/2/04](#)]

<b>2004 San Marcos City Council Election Results – General</b>		
<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Vote Total</b>	<b>Vote Percentage</b>
Jim Desmond	8,415	23.0%
Hal J. Martin	7,527	20.6%
Lee B. Thibadeau	6,898	18.8%
Chris Orlando	6,416	17.5%
Cynthia A. Skovgard	4,931	13.5%
Neill K. Kovrig	1,268	3.5%
Brian Baker	1,169	3.2%

[California Secretary of State, 2004 City Election Results, [11/2/04](#)]

*NOTE: In 2004, San Marcos elected council members on an at-large basis with the top two vote-getters being elected.*

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### **Campaign Finance**

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**According To His May 2026 Pre-Primary Report, Desmond Raised About \$1,658,000 And Spent About \$593,000 In His Run For Federal Office**

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**According To His May 2026 Pre-Primary Report With The Federal Election Commission, Desmond Raised About \$1,867,000 And Spent About \$784,000 In His Run For Federal Office.** [FEC, Desmond for Congress, Pre-Primary Report, filed [5/21/26](#)]

**Desmond Federal Campaign Finance History**

Cycle	Candidate Committee	Raised	Spent
2026	Desmond for Congress	\$1,867,171.44	\$784,450.58
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$1,867,171.44</b>	<b>\$784,450.58</b>

[FEC, Desmond for Congress, Pre-Primary Report, filed [5/21/26](#)]

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### 2022-2024: Desmond Raised About \$583,000 And Spent About \$1,400,000 In His Run For County Supervisor During The Years Listed

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**2022-2024: According To San Diego County, Desmond Raised About \$583,000 And Spent About \$1,140,000 In His Run For County Supervisor During The Years Listed.** [San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/15/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/17/24](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/29/23](#)]

Desmond County Supervisor Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate Committee	Raised	Spent
2024	Desmond for Supervisor 2022	\$50.00	\$103,109.64
2023	Desmond for Supervisor 2022	\$50.00	\$93,307.50
2022	Desmond for Supervisor 2022	\$582,476.19	\$943,374.35
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$582,576.19</b>	<b>\$1,139,791.49</b>

[San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/15/25](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/17/24](#); San Diego County, Desmond for Supervisor 2022, Form 460, filed [1/29/23](#)]

## Personal Political History

### Personal Financial Disclosure

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#### 2025: Desmond Reported A Net Worth Of Up To \$21 Million

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*2025: Desmond Reported A Net Worth Of Between About \$4 Million And \$21 Million*

**2025: Desmond Reported A Net Worth Of Between \$4,115,009 And \$21,399,998.** [U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

*2025: Desmond Owned A Four-Seat Plane Valued At Between \$250,001 And \$500,000*

**2025: Desmond Reported Owning A Plane With Tail Number “N362ME” Valued At Between \$250,001 And \$500,000.** [U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ GOV TREASURY [GS]		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Dividends	None	None
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ House [RP]  LOCATION: Oceanside, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Residence		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None		
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ N362ME [RP]  LOCATION: Oceanside, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Plane		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		

[U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

**FlightAware: James M. Desmond Owned A 2000 Cessna 182S Four-Seat Plane With Tail Number “N362ME.”** [FlightAware, N362ME Aircraft Registration, accessed [4/22/26](#)]

N362ME Aircraft Registration

Aircraft Summary		Registration Details	
<b>Summary</b>	2000 CESSNA 182S Fixed wing single engine (4 seats / 1 engine)	<b>Status</b>	Assigned
<b>Owner</b>	DESMOND JAMES M OCEANSIDE , CA, US (Co-owned)	<b>Certificate Issue Date</b>	2024-06-04
<b>Airworthiness Class</b>	Standard/Unknown	<b>Airworthiness Date</b>	2000-10-04
<b>Serial Number</b>	18280851	<b>Last Action Date</b>	2024-06-04
<b>Engine</b>	LYCOMING IO-540 SER (Reciprocating) Horsepower: 300	<b>Expiration</b>	2031-06-30
<b>Weight</b>	Less than 12,500lbs	<b>Registry Source</b>	<a href="#">FAA</a>
<b>Speed</b>	Not defined		
<b>Mode S Code</b>	051012322 / A414D2		

[FlightAware, N362ME Aircraft Registration, accessed [4/22/26](#)]

**2025: Desmond Reported Other Assets, Including A Condo, A House, And A 401(k)**

**2025: Desmond’s Other Reported Assets Included A Condo, A House, A 401(k), A Delta Pension, A CD, A COREBRIDGE Annuity, Government Treasuries, GE Stock, And A Savings Account.** [U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

**SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME**

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ 401k [BA]		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Interest	None	None
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ CD [BA]		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ Condo [RP] LOCATION: Oceanside, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Second home		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None		
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ COREBRIDGE [FN]		\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Dividends	\$15,001 - \$50,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ GE Aerospace Common Stock (GE) [ST] DESCRIPTION: GE		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Dividends	None	None

[U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ GOV TREASURY [GS]		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	Dividends	None	None
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ House [RP]  LOCATION: Oceanside, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Residence		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None		
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ N362ME [RP]  LOCATION: Oceanside, CA, US DESCRIPTION: Plane		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ PBGC [PE]  DESCRIPTION: Delta Pension		None	Pension	\$50,001 - \$100,000	\$50,001 - \$100,000
James M Desmond and Kerri M Desmond Trust ⇒ Savings [BA]  DESCRIPTION: Savings		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000	\$201 - \$1,000

\* Investment vehicle details available at the bottom of this form. For the complete list of asset type abbreviations, please visit <https://fd.house.gov/reference/asset-type-codes.aspx>.

[U.S. House Clerk, Jim Desmond 2024 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [2/3/25](#)]

NOTE: “[FN](#)” in brackets after COREBRIDGE stood for fixed annuity.

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### 2025: Desmond Reported Owning One Property And Receiving Various Gifts

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**2025: Desmond Reported Owning One Property.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2025 California Form 700, filed [3/27/26](#)]

**2025: Desmond Did Not Report Any Schedule C Income.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2025 California Form 700, filed [3/27/26](#)]

**2025: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From Sources Including From The Business Industry Association, Cox Communications, And Tom Sudberry.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2025 California Form 700, filed [3/27/26](#)]

2025: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts			
Date	Source	Description	Value
11/7/25	Tom Sudberry	Lincoln Club Annual Dinner - Active Member	\$132.00
10/18/25	Sam and Vivian Hardage	Vision for Children Foundation Night for Sight x2 - Active Role Presented Proclamation	\$400.00
10/11/25	Cox Communications	Boys and Girls Club San Marcos Auction x2 - Active Role in program	\$294.48
10/9/25	Mary Matava	Farmer of the Year – Active Role Presented Proclamation	\$75.00
10/3/25	Jamie Schrimpf	North County Cup	\$250.00
4/24/25	Mary Matava	Graze at the Fields x2	\$130.00
2/1/25	Building Industry Association	Building Industry Association Installation Dinner	\$371.00
1/24/25	Blake Dorse	Oceanside Fire Department Recognition Ceremony	\$63.00

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**2024: Desmond Reported Owning One Property And Receiving Various Gifts**

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**2024: Desmond Reported Owning One Property.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2024 California Form 700 Amendment, filed [3/28/25](#)]

**2024: Desmond Did Not Report Any Schedule C Income.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2024 California Form 700 Amendment, filed [3/28/25](#)]

**2024: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From Sources Including The Building Industry Association, The Land Stewards, And The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2024 California Form 700 Amendment, filed [3/28/25](#)]

<b>2024: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
12/27/24	Nathan Kopp	Holiday Bowl	\$380.00
10/24/24	Mary Matava	Farmer of the Year	\$75.00
10/5/24	Rebecca Jones	Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos Annual Dinner	\$290.00
9/7/24	Stacy Rungaitis	Palomar College First Historic Game and Coin	\$66.00
8/28/24	Building Industry Association	BIA PAC Annual Fundraiser	\$165.88
8/23/24	John Lek	Lincoln Club Annual Dinner	\$152.99
7/24/24	Victor Lopez	Lincoln Club Eagle Dinner	\$122.85
5/30/24	Jim Callaghan	SDNEDC Chairman’s Dinner	\$75.87
5/16/24	Marc Filanc	Boy Scouts of America Building and Industry Luncheon	\$65.00
4/27/24	The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Padres Game	\$292.00
3/6/24	Stacy Rungaitis	Palomar College Community Showcase	\$38.00
2/15/24	Victor Lopez	Lunar New Year Celebration	\$100.00
2/6/24	The Land Stewards	BIA Build SD PAC Event	\$58.00

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2024 California Form 700 Amendment, filed [3/28/25](#)]

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**2023: Desmond Reported Owning One Property And Receiving Various Gifts**

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**2023: Desmond Reported Owning One Property.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2023 California Form 700, filed [3/25/24](#)]

**2023: Desmond Did Not Report Any Schedule C Income.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2023 California Form 700, filed [3/25/24](#)]

**2023: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From Sources Including TriPointe Homes, EDCO, Thomas Sudberry, Yasukochi Farms, The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians, And San Diego State University.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2023 California Form 700, filed [3/25/24](#)]

<b>2023: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
11/16/23	Yasukochi Farms	Oceanside’s Finest Basketball Club Annual Fundraiser	\$100.00
11/10/23	The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Lincoln Club Annual Dinner x2	\$220.00
11/4/23	Louise Balma	15th Annual Surf Museum Gala - presented proclamation	\$320.00

10/25/23	Lori Hold-Pfeiler	BIA San Diego 85th Anniversary and BIA Southern California 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	\$150.00
10/21/23	Mark Larson	International Air & Space Hall of Fame Celebration	\$280.00
9/22/23	San Diego State University	Game x2 and parking	\$145.00
8/7/23	The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Padres Game	\$212.00
8/3/23	Thomas Sudberry	Golden Eagle Dinner	\$65.00
6/13/23	The Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians	Restaurant Association Awards Dinner	\$50.00
5/31/23	EDCO	San Marcos State of the City Address	\$75.00
4/15/23	Jim Short	Boys & Girls Club of North County Gala x2	\$310.00
2/4/23	TriPointe Homes	BIA Installation	\$144.00

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2023 California Form 700, filed [3/25/24](#)]

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**2022: Desmond Reported Owning One Property And Receiving Various Gifts**

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**2022: Desmond Reported Owning One Property That Was Not A Rental Property.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2022 California Form 700, filed [3/27/23](#)]

**2022: Desmond Did Not Report Any Schedule C Income.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2022 California Form 700, filed [3/27/23](#)]

**2022: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From Sources Including Sudberry Properties, Escondido Disposal Inc., And The Rincon Band Of Luiseno Indians.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2022 California Form 700, filed [3/27/23](#)]

<b>2022: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
11/12/22	Fred Pierce	SDSU Football	\$250.00
10/27/22	Agri Service	San Diego County Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year	\$75.00
10/25/22	Cathy Baur	Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos Gala 2 @ \$135 each	\$270.00
10/24/22	Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	CRA Gold Medallion Awards 2 @ \$50 each	\$100.00
10/14/22	Genetech	Boys & Girls Club of Oceanside Gala	\$80.00
10/8/22	Benjamin Barlow	San Diego District Attorney Awards – Active	\$80.00
9/21/22	Pierre Domercq	Fallbrook Chamber State of the Chamber - Active Role	\$60.47
8/25/22	Escondido Disposal Inc.	Escondido Chamber Installation	\$62.00
8/12/22	Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	Hell’s Kitchen Grand Opening 2 @ \$160 each	\$320.00
7/7/22	Escondido Disposal Inc.	Escondido Chamber Golf Tournament	\$125.00
7/7/22	Kim Murphy	Havana Nights 2 @ \$87.50	\$175.00
6/8/22	Jim Ambroso	San Marcos State of the City Address	\$75.00
4/30/22	Kim Murphy	Boys & Girls Club of North County Gala: 2 @ \$152 each	\$304.00
4/22/22	John Aguilera	Pathways Health Clinic Gold Tournament	\$222.50
4/18/22	Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	Rincon Tribal Council Meet & Greet Luncheon	\$38.39
4/9/22	Sudberry Properties	BIA Installation	\$298.00
3/18/22	Tri City	Heroes of Vista – Active Role	\$75.00
3/11/22	RJ Reynolds	Neighborhood Market Association Awards	\$150.00
3/5/22	Forte for Children	Boys & Girls Club Diamond Gala – Active Role	\$104.00

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2022 California Form 700, filed [3/27/23](#)]

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**2021: Desmond Reported Owning Two Properties, Earning Income From Delta Airlines And The Sale Of 640 Maybritt Circle, And Receiving Various Gifts**

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**2021: Desmond Reported Owning Two Properties, One Of Which Was A Rental Property.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2021 California Form 700, filed [2/10/22](#)]

**2021: Desmond Reported Between \$10,001 And \$100,000 In Income From Delta Airlines.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2021 California Form 700, filed [2/10/22](#)]

<b>2021: Desmond Schedule C: Income, Loans, &amp; Business Positions</b>		
<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>Position/Sale</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>
Delta Airlines	Captain	\$10,001-\$100,000

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2021 California Form 700, filed [2/10/22](#)]

**2021: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From Sources Including The Building Industry Association, New Pointe Communities, And Tory Walker Engineering.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2021 California Form 700, filed [2/10/22](#)]

<b>2021: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
10/28/21	Building Industry Association	BIA Reception	\$179.00
10/16/21	Cathy Baur	Boys & Girls Club of San Marcos Gala	\$135.00
10/14/21	Hannah Gbeh	Farmer of the Year	\$50.00
9/30/21	Tory Walker Engineering	SDNEDC Chairman’s Dinner	\$54.44
9/23/21	Suzi Day	Journy to Freedom Event 4 @ \$40	\$160.00
8/21/21	Juanita Hayes	Vision for Children Foundation Dinner 2 @	\$270.00
8/25/21	Building Industry Association	Build San Diego	\$102.00
8/14/21	New Pointe Communities	BIA Installation 2 @ \$137.38	\$274.76
3/16/21	Mark McLarry	Soft Opening 2 @ \$26	\$52.00

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2021 California Form 700, filed [2/10/22](#)]

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**2020: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties, Earning Income From Delta Airlines And The Sale Of 602 Maybritt Circle, And Receiving Various Gifts**

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**2020: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2020 California Form 700, filed [3/17/21](#)]

**2020: Desmond Reported More Than \$100,000 In Income From Delta Airlines.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2020 California Form 700, filed [3/17/21](#)]

<b>2020: Desmond Schedule C: Income, Loans, &amp; Business Positions</b>		
<b>Source of Income</b>	<b>Position/Sale</b>	<b>Gross Income</b>
Delta Airlines	Captain	Over \$100,000

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2020 California Form 700, filed [3/17/21](#)]

**2020: Desmond Reported Receiving Gifts From COX Communications, Lincoln Club, And HOMEFED Corporation.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2020 California Form 700, filed [3/17/21](#)]

<b>2020: Desmond Schedule D: Income – Gifts</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>
2/18/20	COX Communications	San Marcos SotCtyA	\$50.00
1/29/20	Lincoln Club	Gold Member Dinner	\$213.00

1/24/20	HOMEFED Corporation	BIA Installation x2	\$220.88
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[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2020 California Form 700, filed [3/17/21](#)]

**2018: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties And Earning Income From Delta Airlines**

**2018: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2018 California Form 700, filed [1/26/19](#)]

**2018: Desmond Reported More Than \$100,000 In Income From Delta Airlines.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2018 California Form 700, filed [1/26/19](#)]

2018: Desmond Schedule C: Income, Loans, & Business Positions		
Source of Income	Position	Gross Income
Delta Airlines	Captain	Over \$100,000

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2018 California Form 700, filed [1/26/19](#)]

**2017: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties And Earning Income From Delta Airlines**

**2017: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2017 California Form 700, filed [3/6/18](#)]

**2017: Desmond Reported More Than \$100,000 In Income From Delta Airlines.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2017 California Form 700, filed [3/6/18](#)]

2017: Desmond Schedule C: Income, Loans, & Business Positions		
Source of Income	Position	Gross Income
Delta Airlines	Captain	Over \$100,000

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2017 California Form 700, filed [3/6/18](#)]

**2016: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties And Earning Income From Delta Airlines**

**2016: Desmond Reported Owning Three Rental Properties.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2016 California Form 700, filed [2/7/17](#)]

**2016: Desmond Reported More Than \$100,000 In Income From Delta Airlines.** [San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2016 California Form 700, filed [2/7/17](#)]

2016: Desmond Schedule C: Income, Loans, & Business Positions		
Source of Income	Position	Gross Income
Delta Airlines	Captain	Over \$100,000

[San Diego County, Electronic Filing System, James Desmond 2016 California Form 700, filed [2/7/17](#)]

**Personal Political Donations**

**Desmond Has Given \$12,915 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees**

**According To The Federal Election Commission, Desmond Has Given \$12,915 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees.** [FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [5/20/26](#)]

Desmond Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
5/26/2002	Del Stewart (U.S. House)	D	\$500.00

11/4/2003	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/1/2003	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
11/3/2004	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/3/2004	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
11/4/2005	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
11/4/2005	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/5/2005	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
6/8/2007	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
1/21/2008	California Republican Party/V8		\$235.00
8/15/2008	John McCain (President)	R	\$250.00
9/17/2008	San Diego County Republican Party - Fed		\$250.00
10/16/2008	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$500.00
11/24/2008	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2008	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
6/22/2009	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
11/30/2009	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$40.00
12/19/2009	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$150.00
4/12/2010	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$1,000.00
7/8/2010	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
10/26/2010	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$150.00
11/22/2010	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2010	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
3/26/2011	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
5/20/2011	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
11/30/2011	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2011	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
1/27/2012	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
2/7/2012	Darrell Issa (U.S. House)	R	\$125.00
2/23/2012	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$500.00
3/31/2012	Brian Bilbray (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
4/26/2012	Romney Victory Inc		\$500.00
4/26/2012	Mitt Romney (President)	R	\$500.00
11/26/2012	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2012	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
2/6/2013	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
10/31/2013	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$30.00
11/30/2013	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$10.00
12/31/2013	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$10.00
4/1/2014	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
9/10/2014	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
11/24/2014	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2014	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
10/31/2015	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
11/30/2015	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$30.00
12/31/2015	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$10.00
2/17/2016	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
2/19/2016	John Kasich (President)	R	\$250.00
9/29/2016	Donald Trump (President)	R	\$200.00
11/28/2016	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2016	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
2/10/2017	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
3/1/2017	Darrell Issa (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00

8/23/2017	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
10/1/2017	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$30.00
11/1/2017	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/1/2017	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
3/31/2018	Kimberlin Brown Pelzer (U.S. House)	R	\$250.00
8/17/2018	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
9/12/2018	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$100.00
11/1/2018	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/1/2018	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$30.00
8/27/2019	Republican Party Of San Diego County		\$250.00
11/30/2019	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
12/31/2019	Air Line Pilots Association PAC		\$20.00
8/9/2020	Trump Make America Great Again Committee		\$250.00
5/26/2023	Restore Our Nation (RON PAC)		\$250.00
2/22/2025	California Republican Party Federal Acct.		\$400.00
7/18/2025	California Republican Party Federal Acct.		\$175.00
9/6/2025	Dan Crenshaw (U.S. House)	R	\$1,000.00
3/4/2026	California Republican Party Federal Acct.		\$440.00
3/10/2026	California Republican Party Federal Acct.		\$250.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$12,915.00</b>

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [5/20/26](#)]

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### Desmond Has Given \$2,314 To State-Level Political Candidates

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According To The California Secretary Of State, Desmond Has Given \$2,314 To State-Level Candidates.

[California Secretary of State, Contribution Search, accessed [5/20/26](#)]

<b>Desmond Political Giving History - State</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Amount</b>
6/4/2007	Nathan Fletcher (State Assembly)	R	\$100.00
10/26/2010	Mark Wyland (State Senate)	R	\$150.00
3/16/2011	Sherry Hodges (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
2/1/2012	Marie Waldron (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
4/11/2012	Marie Waldron (State Assembly)	R	\$314.00
5/30/2012	Sherry Hodges (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
11/6/2012	Sherry Hodges (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
12/6/2017	Mark Kersey (State Senate)	R	\$250.00
8/8/2019	Ray Pearson (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
11/15/2019	Melanie Burkholder (State Assembly)	R	\$250.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$2,314.00</b>

[California Secretary of State, Contribution Search, accessed [5/20/26](#)]