

Jim Desmond Overview Backup

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The Trump Administration Imposed Several Different Tariffs On Countries Around The World

NPR Headline: "Trump To Impose Double-Digit Tariffs On Dozens Of Countries" [NPR, [7/23/26](#)]

Politico Headline: "Trump Issues Order Imposing New Global Tariff Rates Effective Aug. 7" [Politico, [7/31/25](#)]

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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](#)]

Tariffs Hurt California Small Businesses

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](#)]

The Trump Administration Started A War With Iran, Which Drove Up The Cost Of Gas

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NBC News Headline: “How Trump Decided To Strike Iran” [NBC News, [3/1/26](#)]

The United States Was At War With Iran Following Actions By The Trump Administration. “A last chance to avert war with Iran played out Thursday in Geneva, where Trump administration officials told Iranian counterparts they must not take certain steps needed to build a nuclear bomb. [...] By Saturday morning, the U.S. was at war.” [NBC News, [3/1/26](#)]

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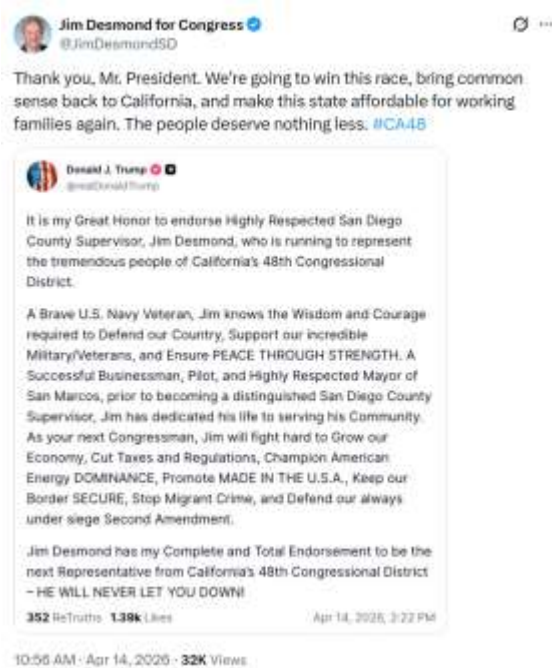
April 2026: The NRCC Added Desmond To Their MAGA Majority Program. “The National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) today announced Jim Desmond is being added to the 2026 MAGA Majority program. ‘Jim Desmond is a proven leader who knows Californians are fed up with high prices, crime, and the failures of corrupt Sacramento Democrats. He’s ready to help House Republicans restore sanity, lower costs, and send Democrats into retreat in California.’ – NRCC Spokesman Christian Martinez” [NRCC, Press Release, [4/27/26](#)]

- **NRCC Press Release: “The MAGA Majority Program Highlights A Slate Of Strong Candidates Running In Key Battleground Districts Across The Country Who Embody The Trump**

Agenda. “The MAGA Majority program highlights a slate of strong candidates running in key battleground districts across the country who embody the Trump agenda: securing the border, lowering costs, restoring energy dominance, and putting American workers first.” [NRCC, Press Release, [4/27/26](#)]

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Jim Desmond Is Part Of The Pay To Play Corruption Helping Himself With Taxpayer Money And Money From Big Donors, Not Helping You.

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 For Receiving A \$5,000 Contribution After He Voted To Provide Funding To A Company; As Of August 2026, Desmond’s Case Was Still Pending Before The FPPC

2019-2026: Desmond Was A San Diego County Supervisor

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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

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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As Of August 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](#)]

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2024-01101	Sworn Complaint	Case Opened and Pending	Local San Diego, San Diego County	<u>Respondents:</u> Jim Desmond; Stop the SANDAG Tax – No on G <u>Complainants:</u> Barbara Campbell (contact through counsel Richard R. Rios)										
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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

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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,**

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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 office. The other supervisors, except for Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, represent districts that are close enough for them to serve from one office downtown. [...] Fellow Supervisor Nathan Fletcher who, like Desmond, took office in January, budgeted \$18,000 for office furniture and Jacob budgeted \$6,672 for improvements to her chief of staff’s office.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]

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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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The San Diego Union-Tribune Investigation Into Desmond's Spending Included A Photo Of Desmond's Office With Cost Labels. [San Diego Union-Tribune, [6/21/19](#)]



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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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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](#)]

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

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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April 2026: Gas Prices In San Diego Surpassed \$6 Per Gallon Amid The Iran War

San Diego Union-Tribune Headline: “Average Gas Prices In San Diego Surpass \$6 A Gallon” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/28/26](#)]

San Diego Union-Tribune: “The Average Price For A Gallon Of Regular-Grade Gasoline In San Diego Cracked The \$6 Mark On Tuesday As The War In Iran Entered Its Ninth Week As Oil Tankers In The Persian Gulf Stay Bottled Up, Thus Continuing To Upend Global Fuel Markets.” “The average price for a gallon of regular-grade gasoline in San Diego cracked the \$6 mark on Tuesday as the war in Iran entered its ninth week as oil tankers in the Persian Gulf stay bottled up, thus continuing to upend global fuel markets.” [San Diego Union-Tribune, [4/28/26](#)]

Jim Desmond Backup Message #1

First, Jim Desmond supports Trump’s law that gives trillions in tax breaks to large corporations and billionaires paid for by cutting health care, in-home care for seniors, and food assistance. Desmond supports Trump’s law that slashed Medi-Cal and puts nearly two million Californians at risk of losing their health insurance, while also raising health care costs for those who get insurance through their job.

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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

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Trillions In Tax Breaks To The Ultra-Wealthy At The Expense Of Working Families

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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](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest Cuts To Medicaid In History And Was Projected To Kick More Than 14 Million People Off Of Their Insurance

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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](#)]

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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

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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](#)]

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

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?

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](#)]

Desmond Supports Trump’s Law That Slashed Medi-Cal And Puts Nearly Two Million Californians At Risk Of Losing Their Health Insurance...

Desmond Supported The Big Beautiful Bill

See backup above

The Big Beautiful Bill Slashed Medi-Cal

The OBBB Would Slash Medicaid Spending By \$1 Trillion Over The Next Decade. “The OBBBA will slash federal Medicaid spending by approximately \$1 trillion over the next decade, with the largest reductions stemming from coverage losses due to Medicaid work reporting requirements.” [Center for American Progress, [8/6/25](#)]



880,000 Residents In San Diego County Were Enrolled In Medi-Cal (Medicaid). “The bill cuts federal support for Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) by an estimated 18 percent, and SNAP (CalFresh in California) by an estimated 20 percent. These programs largely support individuals and families with incomes under \$30,000 annually. In San Diego County, 880,000 residents are enrolled in Medi-Cal, and more than 400,000 receive CalFresh assistance.” [Voices of San Diego, [7/10/25](#)]

San Diego County Would Have To Spend Millions Of Dollars To Hire Additional Staff For Medi-Cal Due To OBBB Cuts. “House Resolution 1 ‘could saddle San Diego with massive new costs and delays, creating major administrative burdens just to keep families from receiving the care and food assistance (for which) they already qualify,’ Lawson-Remer and Montgomery Steppe said. According to a recent county analysis, Medi-Cal changes would require up to 727 additional staff, costing \$63 million, to prevent beneficiaries from losing coverage from processing delays. For CalFresh, analysis found the county would need to spend \$28 million to hire 426 employees to prevent delays or denials of assistance. ‘Washington is imposing sweeping new work requirements on Medi-Cal and CalFresh, threatening coverage for thousands of local families, while San Diego is dramatically scaling up its behavioral health system,’ according to both supervisors.” [KPBS, [8/27/25](#)]

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](#)]

Number Of California Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
State	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
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](#)]

...While Also Raising Health Care Costs For Those Who Get Insurance Through Their Job.

Health Care Costs Across The Board, Even For Those With Insurance Through Private Employers, Were Expected To Go Up As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts

U.S. News Headline: “Why Cuts To Medicaid Will Raise Everyone’s Health Care Costs” [U.S. News, Martha Santana-Chin, [8/4/25](#)]

Health Foundation For Western & Central New York: “Federal Disinvestment In Medicaid Will Make Health Care More Expensive For All Of Us, Regardless Of Whether We Receive Insurance Through Medicaid, The ACA Marketplace, Or A Private Employer.” “Rising health care costs – Federal disinvestment in Medicaid will make health care more expensive for all of us, regardless of whether we receive insurance through Medicaid, the ACA Marketplace, or a private employer. A destabilized health care system will force providers to absorb the costs of uncompensated care, ultimately shifting the costs onto insurers and patients. This means higher monthly premiums and out-of-pocket expenses across the entire system.” [Health Foundation for Western & Central New York, [7/2/26](#)]

Jim Desmond Message #2 Backup

Then, Jim Desmond would fit right in with Trump's corrupt Congress that enriches themselves and their wealthy donors instead of working for us. Desmond is a multi-millionaire who allegedly cozied up to developers and backchanneled with lobbyists and subsequently faced multiple investigations and legal complaints. Desmond has taken over \$144,000 in campaign cash from real estate developers even as he is under investigation for an alleged conflict of interest after he gave a donor's company funding using San Diego County taxpayer dollars. He even spent \$240,000 of taxpayer dollars just to remodel his offices, including a \$1,700 chair for himself.

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Jim Desmond Was A Multi-Millionaire

Quiver Quantitative: Jim Desmond's Net Worth Was Estimated To Be \$2.91 Million. [Quiver Quantitative, Accessed [8/22/26](#)]

2019: As Supervisor, Desmond Drew Criticism For Being "Too Cozy With Developers"

2019: Local News Reported That People Criticized Desmond For Being "Too Cozy With Developers"

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](#)]

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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

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

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](#)]

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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

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](#)]

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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](#)]

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

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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Desmond Has Taken Over \$144,000 In Campaign Cash From Real Estate Developers Even As He Is Under Investigation For An Alleged Conflict Of Interest After He Gave A Donor's Company Funding Using San Diego County Taxpayer Dollars.

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2024: California's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Opened An Investigation 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; As Of August 2026, Desmond's Case Was Still Pending Before The FPPC

2019-2026: Desmond Was A San Diego County Supervisor

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](#)]

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

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](#)]

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

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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As Of August 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](#)]

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

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](#)]

He Even Spent \$240,000 Of Taxpayer Dollars Just To Remodel His Offices, Including A \$1,700 Chair For Himself.

2019: Desmond Budgeted \$240,000 To Remodel And Renovate His Downtown And District Offices In His First Five Months In Office

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

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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Jim Desmond Message #3 Backup

Jim Desmond voted over and over against abortion rights in California, including against stockpiling abortion pills in California after the constitutional right to abortion was taken away, against protecting Planned Parenthood, and against restricting fake pregnancy centers posing as abortion providers to trick women. When our rights are under assault from Jim Desmond and MAGA, Marni von Wilpert will fight to provide affordable healthcare for all. Marni will always stand up for women's right to make their own healthcare decisions, and she's endorsed by Planned Parenthood.

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2024: Desmond Voted Against Allowing The County To Secure An Emergency Stockpile Of Medication-Based Abortion Treatments After The Right To An Abortion Was Taken Away

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](#)]

The Dobbs V. Jackson Supreme Court Case Overturned Roe V. Wade, Ending The Constitutional Right To Abortion. “It's been four years since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, ending the constitutional right to abortion. ‘Roe was egregiously wrong from the start,’ Justice Samuel Alito wrote in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health majority opinion on June 24, 2022. ‘And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and [Planned Parenthood v.] Casey have enflamed debate and deepened division.’” [NPR, [6/25/26](#)]

2022: Desmond Cast The Lone Vote Against Advocating For Strengthening Access To Reproductive Health Care Services Including Abortion

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](#)]

...Against Protecting Planned Parenthood...

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

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](#)]

...And Against Restricting Fake Pregnancy Centers Posing As Abortion Providers To Trick Women.

Desmond Voted Against Strengthening Regulations on Crisis Pregnancy Centers Restricting Access to Abortions



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Rhetoric

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Studies Showed California’s Workforce Suffered As A Result Of ICE Raids

KSEE Headline: “UC Merced Study Shows ICE Raids Directly Tied To Workforce Decline”
[KSEE, [7/16/25](#)]

KSEE: “UC Merced’s Community And Labor Center Looked At Private Employment Rates Between May 11 And June 8, And They Said The Numbers Don’t Lie – Immigration Raids Are Negatively Impacting The State’s Economy.” “Researchers at UC Merced are sharing what they call ‘sobering’ statistics on the economic impact of President Donald Trump’s ICE raids in California. UC Merced’s Community and Labor Center looked at private employment rates between May 11 and June 8, and they said the numbers don’t lie – immigration raids are negatively impacting the state’s economy. ‘There was a decline of 3.1% in the number of people that reported working in the private sector in California,’ Lead Researcher at UC Merced Edward Flores said. Flores said the study ties falling work rates in California to recent ICE raids. ‘The 3.1% is roughly 465,000 people. Roughly 364,000 fewer Latinos working than the private sector between May and June,’ Flores said. 465,000 is roughly 2.4% of California’s labor force.” [KSEE, [7/16/25](#)]

CNBC: “Trump’s Immigration Policy Threatens Key Sectors Of California’s Economy, Long Reliant On Immigrant Workers” [CNBC, [9/1/25](#)]

CNBC: “As The Trump Administration Continues To Ramp Up Immigration Enforcement, Industries Key To The State’s \$4 Trillion Economy Like Agriculture, Construction And Hospitality Could Be Among Those Hardest Hit By The Loss Of California’s Immigrant Workforce, According To New Research.” “From citrus farms in the Central Valley to construction sites where homes and businesses are being rebuilt after devastating wildfires in Pacific Palisades, California relies heavily on immigrant workers and entrepreneurs. As the Trump administration continues to ramp up immigration enforcement, industries key to the state’s \$4 trillion economy like agriculture, construction and hospitality could be among those hardest hit by the loss of California’s immigrant workforce, according to new research. At stake are billions of dollars that fuel businesses large and small across the state, whose standalone economy is the fourth largest in the world after the United States, China and Germany. Approximately one-fifth of the state’s 10.6 million immigrants are undocumented, according to a June study from the nonpartisan Bay Area Economic Institute and the University of California, Merced. If mass deportations were to be combined with the end of temporary protected status for thousands of immigrants and stricter border policies, the joint study estimated that California would be at risk of losing as much as \$278 billion from its gross domestic product.” [CNBC, [9/1/25](#)]

CalMatters Headline: “Raid Or Rumor? Reports Of Immigrations Sweeps Are Warping Life In California’s Central Valley” [CalMatters, [3/31/25](#)]

January 2025: Amid ICE Raids In San Diego County, Desmond Suggested Any Fear Would Encourage People Not To Commit Crimes

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

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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 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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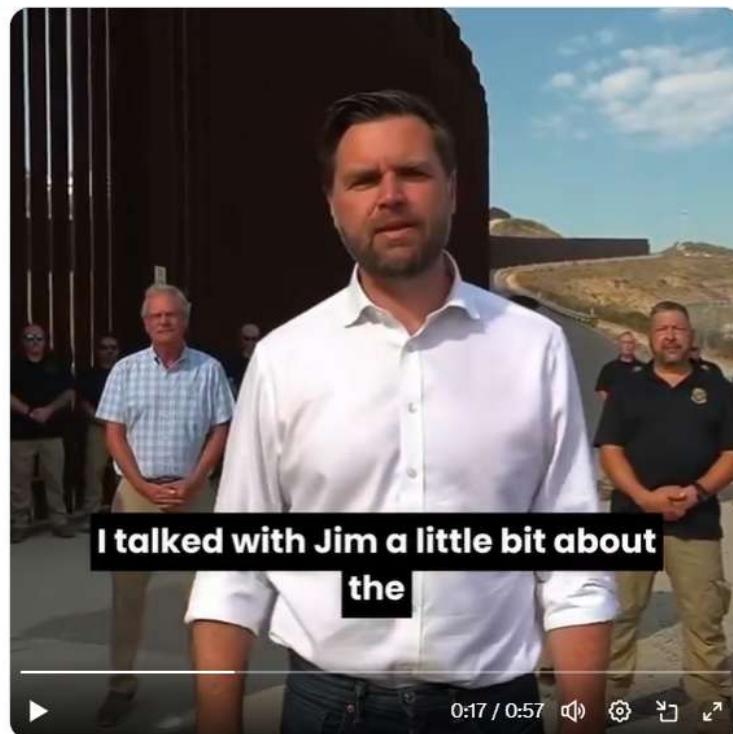
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Trump Tapped Tom Homan To Be The White House “Border Czar.” “President-elect Donald Trump’s picks to serve in top jobs in his next administration have generally stayed off the airwaves to avoid any verbal slipups that might jeopardize their chances 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](#)]

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

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

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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

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](#)]

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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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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](#)]

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

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](#)]

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](#)]

Trump's Lawsuit Against California Would Have Struck Down Our Laws And Let ICE Run Rampant With No Accountability

Trump's Lawsuit Would Have Struck Down Provisions To Prohibit Local Law Enforcers From Questioning People About Their Immigration Status During Regular Interactions And Ban Some Detentions Requested By Federal Authorities. "U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has filed a lawsuit against California over immigrant-friendly laws that push back on immigration enforcement and detention by the federal government. The lawsuit alleges that California is in violation of the U.S. Constitution because of three of its 'sanctuary' laws, which it says obstruct enforcement of federal immigration law and impact public safety, according to national news sources. Sessions is scheduled to announce the move Wednesday morning at a yearly state law-enforcement event. The three laws the Department of Justice is asking the courts to strike down are AB 450, which requires employers to keep information about their employees private without a court order; AB 103, which mandates inspections for immigration detention facilities in the state, and SB 54, the law that limits interaction between local law enforcement and federal authorities. All took effect this year. The best known of the three measures prohibits local law enforcers from questioning people about their immigration status during regular interactions and bans some detentions requested by federal authorities. It does allow state officials to cooperate with federal agents in situations where deportation is required for those who have committed up to 800 serious crimes." [CalMatters, [3/6/18](#)]