



## **Response by Bill Horn, incumbent candidate seeking re-election to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors**

### **Q. What is the role you see the construction industry playing in the economic recovery of the San Diego region?**

**A.** Unemployment has risen to 11% in San Diego County, with the construction industry experiencing the most significant job losses of any sector. I know you want to get back to work, which is why I have worked to make fees sensible, create open competition, and increase access to government contracts. My goal is to create jobs and turn the local economy around.

During the height of the economic crisis, I convinced my colleagues to pass a development impact fee deferral program. Impact fees are now paid when necessary, rather than at approval. This has allowed projects to be approved without a big impact fee coming due.

This year, we passed an ordinance banning any county requirement for Project Labor Agreements. We need to go farther and put an anti-PLA ordinance on the November ballot. When an estimated 85% of the construction industry is non-union, the use of PLAs is a union power play, pure and simple.

We face a drought of private construction contracts, but there is government work. The Business Boost event I held with the San Diego North Economic Development Council provided insight to local companies on how to land contracts with Camp Pendleton, Caltrans, the San Diego Regional Airport Authority and SANDAG.

Finally, the county has put major contracts out to bid, including a public/private partnership to build a \$500 million County Operation Center, which will create thousands of jobs. I'm committed to putting this region to work and together, we'll get the job done.