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## **D-6 Candidate Tommy Hough Files Ethics Complaint Against Councilmember Chris Cate**

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA — The Tommy Hough for San Diego City Council campaign has filed a formal ethics complaint against District 6 incumbent Chris Cate.

The complaint, filed with the city's Ethics Commission, charges Mr. Cate with again violating ethics laws. This time, Cate appears to have failed to properly disclose at least \$7,500 in "behested" payments made by San Diego Gas and Electric.

The controversial payments, made to fund events where Cate appeared, were first reported in a *San Diego Reader* article titled "Cate's Craft Beer, Cocktailing, and Private Jets."

"Residents of District 6 deserve to know if their councilmember has become corrupted by special interests," said Hough. "Unfortunately, my opponent has acted unethically on behalf of lobbyists, special interests and out of town investors. First it was Soccer City, now it's SDG&E. Enough is enough. I'm running to replace Mr. Cate so District 6 will have a leader who fights for our residents and neighborhoods — not special interests."

Hough's complaint to the Ethics Commission alleges that Cate delayed disclosing the \$7,500 in payments from SDG&E for weeks past the deadline in an effort to hide Cate's cozy connections to SDG&E from voters. Hough notes Cate has already been investigated by four different state and local law enforcement agencies, and has twice been fined by the Ethics Commission for violating ethics laws.

Hough has requested the Ethics Commission to investigate Cate immediately, "so the public and voters of District 6 may know the full truth about him before the election."

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