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Shipping industry moves to rescind Barrio Logan community plan

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\$140,000 spent on signature drive, origin of money undisclosed

By [Dorian Hargrove](#), Nov. 1, 2013

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San Diego's [shipping industry wants to reshape the land-use changes](#) that the city council approved for Barrio Logan, located adjacent to the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal.

The industrial businesses hope to do so (as reported by NBC 7) by submitting over 53,000 signatures to the City Clerk's Office in an attempt to force council to reconsider or put the issue on the ballot for voters to decide.

The "Protect Our Jobs Coalition, Sponsored by the Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association" paid a pretty penny to get the signatures. According to an October 31, disclosure, the association paid \$140,000 to post petition workers outside of local hardware stores and other big-box outlets.

Those in the industry oppose tighter environmental regulations included in Barrio Logan's Community Plan Update. The major sticking point is a buffer zone aimed at keeping industrial businesses out of residential zones. If the plan makes it to implementation, the opposition believes suppliers in the area will have to relocate, thus jacking up the price of doing business.

One important detail is missing from the October 31 disclosure: who paid for the signature drive? The disclosure shows that the Protect Our Jobs Coalition has spent \$156,613 but has only collected \$15,025 in contributions, \$15,000 of which from National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO).

James Sutton, the treasurer for the Protect Our Jobs Coalition, did not respond in time for publication regarding how the committee spent money it did not have.

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Is Sutton the [James R Sutton](#) of San Francisco and Sutton Law Firm? If so, he's an original Fletcher for Mayor donor and a man involved in just about everything/everyone, including the Jacobs crew. Why not Barrio Logan industrial business owners, when he is ready to work for all of these other groups: COALITION FOR AFFORDABLE PUBLIC SERVICES, CITIZENS FOR LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY, CONSUMERS FOR OPEN COMPETITION, CALIFORNIANS FOR AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE, THE FOUNDATION ON GAMBLING ABUSE, CALIFORNIANS AGAINST HIDDEN TAXES, THE CLEAN AIR ALLIANCE, TAXPAYERS FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER, SAN DIEGO INAUGURAL AND TRANSITION FUND, THE SAN FRANCISCO 2004 SWEARING-IN COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES LOBBYIST ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA URBAN ISSUES PROJECT, 2004 SF DISTRICT ATTORNEY INAUGURAL COMMITTEE, Steering Committee Member at San Francisco Parent Political Action Committee, California Political Attorneys Association, San Francisco Parks Alliance, Neighborhood Parks Council,

Friends of the San Francisco Public Library. Wonder what he sees in Fletcher and what Fletcher sees in him?

Oh yeah, where does the Fletch stand on Barrio Logan?

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