



**COUNCIL PRESIDENT BEN HUESO  
DISTRICT EIGHT**

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 16, 2010

To: Honorable Mayor Jerry Sanders

From: Council President Ben Hueso

Subject: Towing Contracts

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As the towing contract award process moves forward, I request that a thorough background check be conducted on any company who will receive the City's towing contract. Towing companies are entrusted with vehicles and other valuable property. They are also required to act ethically and honestly with the people and departments with which they deal. We must do all we can to ensure that a responsible and ethical business will be providing towing services.

My concern on this matter stems from input from constituents. In the last year, several residents and businesses have contacted my office to complain about their experience with some towing companies. Additionally, the City of National City recently terminated one of their towing contracts due to multiple, alleged violations.

As recipients of government funding, we should take extra steps to ensure that the contract we award is given to a company with both the lowest and most responsible bid and also with a proven record of adhering to ethical business practices.  
Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

cc: Police Chief Lansdowne  
Debra Fishel Faulke  
Gary Gallegos