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## Faulty towers?

### Sunroad's plan to build near Lindbergh Field troubles FAA

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At the same time Sunroad Enterprises has been battling over the height of an office tower near Montgomery Field, it has proposed building two hotel towers near Lindbergh Field that also exceed federal standards.

The hotels would be built on public land on the east side of Harbor Island, less than half a mile from the international airport where nearly 300 passenger and cargo planes depart daily.

One of the buildings surpasses Federal Aviation Administration height limits by 125 feet and the other by 69 feet, according to FAA documents and records obtained from the San Diego Unified Port District, which oversees development along San Diego Bay.



Courtesy of San Diego Unified Port District  
An artist's rendering shows Sunroad's proposed development on Harbor Island.

The Port Commission reviewed the initial Sunroad proposal, which did not cite building heights, in December 2005 and asked the company to go ahead with environmental reviews. Sunroad later specified heights – which it later said were preliminary – for the towers but ignored directives from the port district and the San Diego Regional Airport Authority to notify the FAA of its plans.

The port recently informed the FAA itself. Three weeks ago, the FAA issued eight separate findings concluding that the proposed hotels would be “hazards to air navigation.”

The port told Sunroad that the heights proposed were unacceptable.

“Our staff position is that any building on the East Harbor Island site will not exceed the FAA's recommended obstruction standards,” port officials wrote in a letter to the developer two weeks ago.

Sunroad cannot build without support from the Port Commission. Since it

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received the port's letter, Sunroad has questioned the way the FAA decides building heights in the area.

The company told the FAA in a letter sent earlier this week that its consultants say buildings as tall as 403 feet could be safely built on east Harbor Island because it is outside the primary approach and departure routes of planes using Lindbergh Field.

Sunroad remains committed to the project. Its reluctance to confer with the FAA, among other things, has caught some local agencies off guard.

"Maybe they think they have better experts than the FAA," said Linda Johnson, the airport authority manager in charge of land-use planning. "It does seem like a very bold approach."

The disagreement comes as Sunroad defends the 180-foot office tower across from Montgomery Field in Kearny Mesa that the FAA says exceeds the safe height limit by 20 feet.

The 12-story building has spawned a series of lawsuits and investigations in recent months, and it created a public rift at City Hall between Mayor Jerry Sanders and City Attorney Michael Aguirre.

Aguirre sued Sunroad in December, and the developer countersued the city for \$40 million. The city attorney also filed conflict-of-interest charges against Sunroad Vice President Tom Story, who once worked for the San Diego Development Services Department.

Sanders issued a stop-work order on the top two stories of the Kearny Mesa project on May 18 – six months after the height dispute was first reported by *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and more than a year after the FAA said the tower would pose a danger to pilots.

Sunroad suspects that controversy motivated the port to act.

"I'm sure the port is acting out of an abundance of caution because of the situation that has come up around Montgomery Field," Sunroad spokeswoman Karen Hutchens said.

Sunroad officials denied that the port directed them to inform the FAA of their plans for the hotel towers, even though letters from the port district to the company refer to such a request.

"Nobody asked Sunroad to submit anything to the FAA," Hutchens said.

She said it was premature to seek an FAA study of the project because it is still in preliminary planning and years from construction. The building heights submitted to the FAA by port officials were maximum heights Sunroad used for planning purposes and do not reflect a final plan, she said.

"We are in the process of developing a concept for the property," Hutchens said. "The timing wasn't right for this to go to the FAA."

She said FAA rules do not demand a review sooner than 30 days before construction begins.



Sunroad executives presented revised plans for the Harbor Island project to commissioners in September, six months after the FAA told the company its office tower in Kearny Mesa was a danger to Montgomery Field pilots landing in bad weather.

The latest revisions call for 600 hotel rooms, 21,000 square feet of meeting space, restaurants, shops and landscaped plazas and promenades.

The project would be built around the existing Sunroad Resort Marina, on property the company leases from the port, and the popular Island Prime restaurant, which subleases its venue from Sunroad.

The Sunroad towers – at 221 and 281 feet, respectively – would far exceed the Sheraton San Diego Hotel as the tallest structures on Harbor Island. The 1,044-room Sheraton is 154 feet tall, just under the FAA's standard.

Since Sunroad objected to the FAA's conclusions, the agency has solicited comments from representatives of airlines, pilot groups, business associations and government agencies.

“We will review the comments and conduct further analysis to determine whether a final hazard determination is warranted,” said FAA spokesman Ian Gregor.

Port Commissioners Stephen Cushman and Robert Spane said they were unaware Sunroad's plans were deemed hazardous by federal regulators.

“Sounds like we did our job,” Spane said. “We did used to run the airport. Maybe that has something to do with it.”

The port operated Lindbergh Field for decades before that responsibility was turned over to the San Diego Regional Airport Authority in 2003.

Sunroad originally planned to negotiate a new lease, complete environmental reviews and begin construction by this fall. The Sunroad Harbor Island project was to be completed in early 2010.

All must first be approved by the Port Commission, the State Lands Commission and the California Coastal Commission. Finally, the city of San Diego would need to issue building permits.

Sunroad officials have requested a meeting with the federal regulators as soon as possible.

In a letter to the FAA dated May 24, Sunroad said it wants to “determine what alterations need to be considered to eliminate the obstruction of navigable airspace” for the Harbor Island project.

The letter was dated one day after a heated phone conversation between Story, Sunroad's vice president, and Ralph Hicks, the port's land-use director. Hicks documented the phone call in a memo that is now on file at the port district.

“Mr. Story rebutted that port staff had not asked Sunroad to submit this paperwork numerous times,” the memo says. “Mr. Hicks stated that staff has documented proof that these requests were made, and given Sunroad's failure to submit the paperwork or contact the FAA, port staff moved forward.”

Sunroad failed to notify the FAA of plans to build its Kearny Mesa tower near Montgomery Field, claiming it was exempt from the requirement.

According to documents obtained by the *Union-Tribune*, a company architect said there was an exemption for buildings under 200 feet.

However, the building fell into another FAA review category, one that covers

buildings planned within three miles of the airport.

The FAA didn't learn of the \$45 million office tower until an anonymous tip advised the federal agency of the developer's plans before construction began in March 2006, at about the same time the city issued a building permit.

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Sunroad's two-hotel development would be built at the tree-lined eastern tip of Harbor Island. The towers would surpass FAA height limits by 125 feet and 69 feet, records show.

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### Reader comments

**By Doom Doctor on 06/01/2007**

SURE !!! You BET !!!....why stop in Kearny Mesa ?...especially with the money that could be made building skyscrapers around ALL the airports.....reprehensible....Thank the heavens for Mike Aguirre, otherwise these scurilous crooks would do whatever they wanted and public safety of airline passengers be damned ..... Tom (multi) Story is a creep who tried to use his influence of his politically appointed position to help further the developmental and construction cause for the mexican money laundering scoundrels of Sunroad ....

The cat is out of the bag now....this will be front page for a long time...or at least until Mr. Story is behind bars...where he should be

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**By tangodancer on 06/01/2007**

I am aghast, Sunroad must feel that have plenty of the right people in their pockets to continue you with this 'up yours San Diego' attitude. And why do they continually feel that their paid experts have more weight than the FAA? Even if they do know better, the only opinion that actually counts is the FAA.

So if the plan is to close Montgomery Field and force the planes to Lindbergh, but then Lindbergh has to be closed, is Sunroad trying to close the city ?

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**By American on 06/01/2007**

Who the h... do Sunroad think they are?? Safety is not a place to get rich. Heck no! Strike them down, please!

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**By Dagobarbz on 06/01/2007**

Sunroad should be removed from any development consideration on city land.

BTW, does San Diego need two more hotels on parkland? Our parkland?

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**By talkingsparrow on 06/01/2007**

This goes beyond Tom Story and Aaron Feldman's arrogance, stupidity and negligence.

It's malicious!

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**By La Playa Heritage on 06/01/2007**

Please read out report to the Grand Jury regarding Sunroad Enterprises' violations of the Municipal Code, Master Plan, and EIR.

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**By gilbrock on 06/01/2007**

Have any of you geniuses even looked at the site in relation to the airport? What do you think of the other multistory buildings within that SAME EXACT RANGE of the flightplan that house thousands of people?

This story coming out now sure is convenient isn't it?

Doom Doctor, you need to get off your high horse and stop sucking from Aguirres' teet.

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**By La Playa Heritage on 06/01/2007**

The new 2003 Alquist Priolo Map shows the active Spanish Blight Fault of the Rose Canyon Fault Zone going through the east side of Harbor Island in Sunroad Enterprises' Port of San Diego lease. By law, a fault investigation is required. Please see the official State of California Earthquake Fault Zone map for the Point Loma Quadrangle.

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**By cap'n on 06/01/2007**

The real criminals are the "good ol' boy" bureaucrats at the City who authorized the permits for the first assult at safety by Sunroad in Kearny Mesa.....I'm sure the same "good ol' boys" will allow/support the same travesty at Harbor Island Outrageous! When is our "honest & responsible" Mayor going to straighten out this kick-back fever infecting our City government? Transparent government?.....right.

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**By abe on 06/01/2007**

The Chief didn't serve, and the Mayor won't fire. What will be next? I see the lyrics to a song developing here to the tune of, "...and it's all because your momma don't dance and your daddy don't rock'n'roll..."

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**By tadlad on 06/01/2007**

The building-height ceiling mandated by the FAA are rules designed to protect us.

Plain as day, Sunroad is just another greedy real estate developer that could care less about the public good. There should be no allowances made for their projects, no matter how much green they may flash around.

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**By htwo on 06/01/2007**

re: Gilbrock

"Have any of you geniuses even looked at the site in relation to the airport? What do you think of the other multistory buildings within that SAME EXACT RANGE of the flightplan that house thousands of people?"

I can't really think of any, especially not so close to the runway.

<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&t=k&om=0&msid=1043499>

Are you talking about the city proper, to the southeast? The proposed building certainly seems to stick out in the concept art.

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**By Airline Family on 06/01/2007**

Jerry Saunders, this is on you! You should be contacting all the powers to be in State and Federal government who can STOP Sunroad in their tracks. Instead you are leaving Aquirre to do ALL the work & Fight the battles. Jerry, SAFETY is the key word, not MONEY. Get with the program!!!

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**By crash on 06/01/2007**

Time to "hit the road" for Sunroad.

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**By JoeH on 06/01/2007**

First off all I have to say is who's pocket was greased and how much to get that eye-sore airport parking structure on Kettner built. I swear almost every plane looks to be about 10 feet from the tail clipping the edge of that building. All I know is you couldn't pay me to park my car on that rooftop!

And I definately agree with a previous comment, how many more hotel are needed down town, especially ugly glass towers. Not to mention the vast grass park areas we have here, oh wait we don't. Stop taking away park areas or San Diego will be more of an urban concrete jungle than it already is!!

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**By jv on 06/01/2007**

Nothing happened with the montgomery field tower. That baby is all finished if you havent seen it lately.  
Looked over then Overlooked ..

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**By courtwhit on 06/01/2007**

Fascinating. Does this interfere with landings from the North at North Island? Many planes fly right over Lindbergh on this approach and then curve to the south to land there. Let's keep our parkland for the people. We don't need more hotels full of minimum wage jobs.

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**By Brawler73 on 06/01/2007**

Its seems to me none of you are in the developement/commercial building design business. Folks San Diego is soon to be the next hot spot for high end commercial business, we are trying to meet that coming demand. If it wasnt for us who develop and design these buildings I am sure some of you hard working folk would not have that nice office space downtown you work in. Ya ya you will say you dont care where you work but I am sure your principals do.

Should we comply with regulations, yes we should but it doesnt mean we are out to just grease the politicians pockets and put people in harms way. We see a future for San Diego that I think you people miss. It is about making money people but also about making money for the City of San Diego as a whole.

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**By talkingsparrow on 06/01/2007**

Brawler's obviously on Story's payroll or crack...

I think Mike made a good point about global warming and the possibility of the sea level rising 20ft.

Let's see what that does to the downtown plans for the future.

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**By Brawler73 on 06/01/2007**

hahaha I am not on Story's payroll, I am on his brothers payroll, entirely different.

So do you guys think that this 4 mile long promanade (along Harbor drive from one end of Seaport to near the airport) that is under design and begining contruction here shortly a bad idea too?

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**By disgustedinsd on 06/01/2007**

It is time to boycott all of Sunroad's businesses and their tenant's businesses. Multiple law suits should be filed against them for public endangerment, unethical practices, and many other violations they appear to be committing. Force them to spend all their money defending themselves and bankrupt their organization. Continue to expose them to the public and their investors. Expose the investors too! San Diego residents should boycott Sunroad's investor's businesses also. Sunroad's Story could not bully the Airport Authority officials so he blew his top. The Airport Authority themselves are currently under public scrutiny for frivolous spending of public money and lavish international trips. Voters need to rise up and clean house next election. Why even wait till next election. Expose them all and force them out! Being without a few officials for a short while cannot be worse than what is taking place now! Keep public pressure on Sanders until he fires all involved with the Montgomery Field fiasco. At this point Aguirre has lost his effectiveness and is nothing more than a Chihuahua that has lost his teeth but keeps barking at the big German Sheppard from behind a fence. He can bark all he wants but it will not scare off the bigger dog. Voters need to bring in someone who is serious and not a grandstander to the City Attorney's office. Someone who has tact and prosecutes through professionalism and not through tantrums!

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**By Brawler73 on 06/01/2007**

d@m boycott all of Sunroads tenants and their investors. That will mean I have to boycott Starbucks! I don't see that happening.

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**By Doom Doctor on 06/01/2007**

Dont these guys also own a marina down there somewhere ?

I have heard from some friends that its run by a jerk that everybody hates and is famous for his relentless stupidity....well it figures, another misfit breast feeder who licks the feet of sunroad...Who else would work for them ?....They ought to sell that property at a public auction and use the proceeds to cover the legal fee's for our fine investigative attorney's for this city.

Make these crooks pay, thats the only way you'll get their attention. An investigation into the "cozyness" of Sanders and Story ought to be in the works also

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**By crazyhorse on 06/01/2007**

Mike Acuirre..liberal activist lawyer..grenade thrower...in it for political power....puts on a heck of a show,though....Ha Ha..

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**By talkingsparrow on 06/01/2007**

Brawler-  
Regarding the promenade question...I don't really have a feeling one way or the other about it, except how it will affect traffic during construction. But IF we can expect the sea level to rise due to global warming - we'll be wasting money - once again. Something to consider.

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**By Bud\_SD on 06/01/2007**

Holy cr-p! Did you all read the SD Grand Jury assessment that someone posted the link to, above? It's less than flattering to all parties (Mayor Sanders, Sunroad, Escobar-Eck, etc.), to put it mildly! Lol...  
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**By native one on 06/01/2007**

Holy Moly: Sunroad/Port of San Diego are crazy!! Not only does the height go over all the hotels there, but, North Island Planes approaching over Harbor Drive, have to turn left in that area. It does get foggy there at night. Money talks. What a crock. native1

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**By PtKup on 06/01/2007**

Brawler73

I can't imagine you being a San Diego native because if you were you wouldn't believe in stealing your city's soul for profit. That line about "we are trying to meet that coming demand." is how beaches are overrun, communities are destroyed, and skylines are ruined. Why do you have to buy public park lands for your money making schemes? I'll tell you. Greasing palms, imminent domain cons, and offering employment (Vice President Tom Story) is cheaper than and less of a hassle than buying private property as the highest bidder.

These lines that you make and think are striking are just another way to justify stealing land from the people. And if you are a San Diego native then I feel sorry for you and your soul.

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**By Brawler73 on 06/01/2007**

I am a San Diego native. Born and bred in CV thank you very much. Sorry PtKup I love and believe in what I do. No need to feel sorry for what I do either, cuz it is about making money and I am doing alright by what I do with no guilty feelings. I think we have plenty of parks already and even more empty land for more parks but also enough land for a few more high rises or other type of buildings like a new Chargers stadium.

How am I stealing my city's soul? A city needs to grow with the times que no? Why be some old fashion out of date city when we can be the cutting edge of commercial business? Do you have any idea how many deveopers are willing to drop millions of \$\$\$\$ into SD but are fearful because of the financial mess SD is in right now. I doubt developers are the ones to blame for SD's bankruptcy issues. Or you cant entirely blame developers for most of the financial issues SD has. Again I just want to see SD as a whole do well. A building full of people will do more than a park with some trees though it may be pretty. And if you think a few more buildings in SD is going to affect mother earth, please! Thats a total global issue. Go tell China and Japan to stop procreating at a rapid rate, overinflating the worlds population or something.

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**By fmorgan on 06/01/2007**

Developers, real estate agents, lawyers all get a piece "brawler." Your version suggests that the city benefits. Not after all the tax subsidies, infrastructure drains, etc etc. Just like Spanos trying to suck a new stadium out of the taxpayers. The rules are to protect all of the people, not to prevent the "honest" developers willing to work within the guidelines stipulated by the FAA who is trying to protect the public. Miami Beach West...just look in the back of an airline magazine and look at all the ads for the highrises up and down the coast in Miami. A concrete jungle is just that. a maize that blocks the view of the one natural resource that draws tourists to the area...the ocean. Block it so knowone can see it and you'll see the tourists run for another part of the state. Every floor the that blocks the view of the people to "their" ocean should be subject to a VIEW TAX. People that feel that they're better than the rest can pay this tax year in and year out, to pay for all the upkeep in regard to infrastucture that gets passed on to the rest of us. They can pay for additional police, fire, etc etc. It's a sick, pathetic joke. Stop in now so that all generations present and future can enjoy the one natural resource SAn Diego can boast of the OCEAN. It is a beautiful sight and something that should remain free to all, not just those that sit in its way in a highrise.

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**By The Big Churro on 06/01/2007**

Harbor Island doesn't need any more high rises. Sunroad ought to be run out of town.

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**By sawbones on 06/01/2007**

I wonder what the Navy might say about this. Those towers would sit just south of midfield at Lindbergh. Aircraft doing a visual landing on Runway 18 at North Island from the north sometimes make a "midfield transition" right over the center of Lindbergh's runway , and then descend to below 800' before turning base and final at North Island. Those towers might put a big crimp in that approach.

Might be really exciting for the tower's residents though!

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**By SteelPeg on 06/01/2007**

Everyone should STOP picking on SunRoad. They are just a small, poor organization that employs the "best-answer" consultants and advisors that money can buy. Of course, their only concern is doing what they know is best for you and the City (trust them - they know).

I, like Brawler, am also in commercial construction, only on the public works side. I build/"tenet-improve" schools, fire stations, hospitals, etc. and am constantly building according to what I know is best - not the building inspectors, building codes, engineers, etc. as they are all stupid. I'm sure the FAA is exactly the same. Just look at all the planes that fall out of the sky everyday in San Diego. Obviously, consultants that I pay would know better than the FAA on what is safe and what isn't. I may have to work through a few consultants until I get the answer I want though.

BTW - I did a project at Lindberg and the FAA & Air Ops controlled the heights of everything! I was almost prevented from using an extension ladder. I should have asked Sunroad's consultants, as I am sure they would have recommended bringing in a crane. Of course, I would have just brought the crane in as everyone knows the FAA & Air Ops do not know what is best when it comes to aviation...

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**By jv on 06/01/2007**

Brawler - Born and bred in CV. That answers all questions right there.

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**By vegasnow on 06/01/2007**

Inbound and outbound aircraft are some distance from the proposed hotel tower....they actually fly closer to the El Cortez. The port has been trying for years to develop what is now the airport employee parking lot. Stop freaking out, the Sheraton hasn't been hit yet and it's across the street from the employee parking lot.

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**By Makai on 06/01/2007**

Brawler wrote:

"It seems to me none of you are in the development/commercial building design business. Folks San Diego is soon to be the next hot spot for high end commercial business, we are trying to meet that coming demand. If it wasn't for us who develop and design these buildings I am sure some of you hard working folk would not have that nice office space downtown you work in. Ya ya you will say you don't care where you work but I am sure your principals do. "

Thanks for the arrogance (do you work for Sunroad ?)

Are you a part of the "folks" who live and work here ? I guess not, because you refer to us as if you are not one of us. You must be one of the "principals". Good grief, get off your high horse !

That's terrific that San Diego is coming up as a great place for high end commercial business. Although..... I thought the problem with the airport was that it was too small, so it was hindering commercial businesses from doing business here.

Nevertheless, if you want to build nice buildings for these high end companies who now want to come here, that's great. But don't ruin San Diego in the process. There's a reason why San Diego is attractive to tourists and businesses.

It's because it's not Los Angeles. Us "folks" prefer it that way.

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**By any\_user on 06/01/2007**

Sanders is obviously frightened of something. Perhaps if he does what he should & forces Sunroad to comply, the good ol boy network will turn on him & rat him out for other behind the scenes favors he has committed. Why else would a mayor side with a select few & not with the people of San Diego?

La Playa Heritage, thanks for the awesome documentation of this fiasco, it illustrates the incompetence & corruption of Sunroad & its insiders and proves that the people of San Diego are getting a snow job from the Mayor & cronies.

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**By sdcal1 on 06/02/2007**

Just one more example of how stupid it is to have an airport so close to the city center in a city this size, that is the elephant in the room and these problems will keep arising until we MOVE THE AIRPORT. Our airport is in an unsafe location near downtown where it is reasonable to expect growth. The military needs to quit using San Diego and realize the city is growing and is not its submissive slave and LEAVE MIRAMAR now!

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**By elttaes on 06/02/2007**

In the meantime Sunroad has the biggest @\$!\$\$&& running the marina they currently own and want to develop. They're chasing everyone out or pushing slip renters to put their names on waiting lists at other marinas because Sunroad Enterprises doesn't care that they have over 100 empty slips and have a very unpleasant manager run their business. That's a lot of revenue to be giving up considering all their arrogance is costing all of us plenty!! Just another example of Sunroad Enterprises arrogance is that over the years MANY people have complained about the manager at the marina and they don't care- lawsuits, and protests to this individual have been ignored. They will not meet with anyone to discuss their grievances but now the picture is a little clearer. Why are they keeping the marina at a record low and treating people poorly at the same time ?? We left there 4 months ago but still know people having problems there. Do you think the likes of Sunroad and its crony's care- HA

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**By elttaes on 06/02/2007**

Brawler sounds like one of Sunroads used-car salesmen ( car lots-which sunroad also owns)  
a BIG lemon!!!!

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**By Rick Beach on 06/02/2007**

Fascinating dialogue. About other hotels on Harbor Island: they are all below the FAA Part 77 surface; not by a lot, but at least a few feet shorter than the 167 ft above mean sea level surface there. The proposed Sunroad hotels would be almost twice as tall as the Sheraton (281 ft vs 154 ft plus antennas) and penetrate the surface by 125 feet. About North Island planes crossing Harbor Island, yes, that happens when planes are sequenced among those arriving at Lindberg but break off and turn towards North Island, right over the proposed hotel site, the employee parking lot and the marina that's about to be redeveloped. About the aviation consultants who told Sunroads that up to 403 feet would be okay: I wonder how could ex-FAA staffers like them get things so wrong? At 281 feet on Harbor Island, it violates FAR Part 77 section 77.23(a)(2) by 75 feet and 77.23(a)(5) by 125 feet. If that hotel was downtown, it would have been "shielded" by existing structures and terrain up to 400+ feet, but not out there on the harbor! Talk about advice you pay for. As for moving Lindberg Field, it's not unsafe although it is a challenging airport due to terrain at both ends of the runway, and there are lots of advantages for air transportation to a city center -- if developments are designed to be compatible with the air space. As for closing Montgomery Field and moving planes to Lindberg, that's pretty low probability given FAA objections raised in 2003 when the idea got some traction from the Chamber of Commerce. About the view tax: what a great concept to promote sight lines that might preseve what's unique about the San Diego waterfront!

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**By NOBULL on 06/02/2007**

again when do us people going to take up against the government officiales that use thier posts to get rich? just as one comment said why stop in san diego, just look at the [plannind director in chula vista named amy madigan, she gets caught looking the other way when her husband is awarded a city contract, Howvere she goes on immediate workers comp stress leave, on the recomendation of the city attorney, but again she gets caught WORKING AT A SCHOOL, then she is exposed by the paper, but now resigns, again however the city attory gives her 10 months pay of 155,000 anyhow so she could get a lifetime REWARD retirement of 30000 dollars, for basically scamming the public thru her position of project manager of planning, and the county district attorney does nothing , probalely due to them being lawyers, but wastes time on a person looking into a opponents dinner party, if he was or was not on the time clock, if that is the justification of dummanis, then she should prosecute this amy madigan for being on the payroll for ten months not working, but the it is the politicians protectin EACH OTHER, there should be furthr out crys, thank union tribune for exposing the further corrupt acts in chula vista

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**By BigDog on 06/02/2007**

Funny stuff, Brawler:

You asked: "How am I stealing my city's soul?"

You answered your own question when you said: "No need to feel sorry for what I do either, cuz it is about making money and I am doing alright by what I do with no guilty feelings."

The laws are in place to protect the public from people like you corrupting the system to maximize profits at the expense of the longterm health of the city.

You said: "Thats a total global issue. Go tell China and Japan to stop procreating at a rapid rate, over inflating the worlds population or something."

Brilliant analysis. I can see why you deserver to make the big bucks.

The world population growth rate is roughly 1.167%. China has actively limited it's growth rate for over thirty years, and it is only 0.6%. Within the next decade the Japanese population growth rate is expected to go negative.

The reason your kind are evil is because you get your way with the city through bribing and manipulating the system and succeed despite the fact your logic is retarded.

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