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**"Boy, did I get a wrong number" - Jim Waring. 08/13/07**

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Donna Frye confirmed to me this evening that Jim Waring contacted her last week asking her for help in getting Sunroad an extra 6 feet above the FAA's mean-spirited 160 foot height limit. Sunroad is in her Council District but Waring had treated her like she didn't exist - he had never consulted her about Sunroad before. What was her reaction, I asked.

Movie fan Donna laughed and said that not since Bob Hope, playing an Oregon real estate agent and family man dialing for dollars, mistakenly called a voluptuous French actress played by Elk Sommer holed up in a local motel, was a dialing error so hilarious.

In the 1966 movie, "**Boy, did I get a wrong number**", zany Phyllis Diller kept Bob Hope from getting killed by his wife if she had discovered the seductive French lady. But it will take more than a Phyllis Diller to keep Waring from getting canned when he returns from vacation. My advice to Jim is "don't call home", enjoy your vacation as long as you can.

Why? Because Jay Goldstone dashed off [this letter](#) to Mike Aguirre this afternoon. Goldstone is now Waring's boss. He took over from Ronne Froman as Chief Operating Officer (COO) when she resigned. Waring is directly under Goldstone on Sanders' staff.

If Mr. Waring was acting without the Mayor's knowledge or approval, Goldstone will have to discipline him, even fire him. But if the Mayor backs Waring, Goldstone will have to resign. The Mayor will therefore have to choose between Waring and Goldstone. Either way he is going to lose a top aide. Boy did Waring get the wrong number! What was he thinking calling Donna Frye, when he had denied her any role in Sunroad for so long?

Sanders to Waring: "[Well, here's another nice mess you've gotten me into](#)". Yes, the Sanders administration is looking more like a Laurel & Hardy show every day.

**The Mayor is still lying to us about Sunroad. Why? 08/13/07**

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While he was publicly assuring us that he was diligently trying to get Sunroad to obey the law and chop off the top 20 feet of that building, privately he had his Deputy, Jim Waring, running around City Hall trying to schmooze the City Council into accepting a 166 foot building. Not only has the FAA said that it will not accept an inch above 160 feet but here is a [letter from Mike Aguirre](#) warning of the legal dangers of such backroom shenanigans.

By now you have all read [this article](#) in Sunday's U-T discussing how the Mayor's Sunroad Report is at odds with the record. I would like to supply some source documents to support the U-T story. I have received quite a few emails requesting me to do so.

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(By the way, I posted all these emails on my blog months ago.)

The U-T says: "*E-mails show that Halbert and Broughton received a detailed outline of the FAA's concerns June 19, 2006, the same day the FAA notified a senior city planner that the building, planned for 180 feet, would be a hazard to pilots landing in bad weather.*"

Here is that [e-mail](#). It was sent by Development Services staff person Tait Galloway to his boss Kelly Broughton and DSD Director Gary Halbert (before Marcella Escobar-Eck took over). How can the Mayor say that his senior staff didn't know about the FAA's concerns?

Here is the FAA [email](#) referring to the telephone conversation that prompted Galloway's email to his boss. Notice that Broughton had also received it direct from the FAA.

The U-T goes on: "*The next day, Sanders called Halbert and Waring to a meeting in his office.*" Here is the page from [Sanders' diary](#) confirming this meeting. But according to Fred Sainz: "*I can tell you with certainty that that meeting had nothing to do with Sunroad.*" Sainz is fast running out of credibility.

The immediate result of this high-level meeting in Sanders' office was this [Construction Permit](#) dated July 7, 2006. I guess Tait Galloway got his answer - politics rules.

What does Aaron Feldman have over Sanders anyway? Surely Sanders is not risking his entire political career for a measly campaign contribution. There is something more going on here than we read in the U-T or anywhere else.

Did Tom Story bring more than development experience with him when he went to work for Feldman? Feldman knows everything there is to know about development. What guys like him crave is some "leverage" at City Hall. Did Tom Story bring some "leverage" with him from City Hall? Does he know where some bones are buried?

The fact that Waring is still scurrying around City Hall trying to keep Feldman happy seems ominous to me. Both Sanders and Waring would have long ago told Feldman to go pound sand if he didn't have something over somebody. Development is a rough game.

### **Council Candidate April Boling got a free ride at the Realtors today. 08/09/07**

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As a 30 year veteran of the San Diego Association of Realtors I went along this morning to the monthly meeting of its Government Affairs Committee. I am not a member of that Committee (you can't just apply, you have to be asked). But I have made a habit of turning up as a guest during the political season, going all the way back to when Maureen O'Connor (Mayor Mo) first ran for Mayor against Roger Hedgecock in 1983.