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Statement of Stephen Whitburn on the County Fire Deployment Study:

San Diego, CA, September 14, 2010 – Stephen Whitburn, candidate for San Diego Board of Supervisors (district 4), made the following statement in response to the Board of Supervisors fire deployment study and implementation plan:

“I am very pleased to see that my calls for a real County fire program, including a Fire Department is being considered,” said Stephen Whitburn, candidate for San Diego County Supervisor in District 4.

“Unfortunately, this proposal is way too little, way too late. It is nothing short of moving chairs on the deck of the titanic. After 16 years, the wildfires of 2003 and 2007, one would hope that our leaders would take the wildfire threat seriously, but this plan is window dressing that will once again cost lives and property. We deserve new leadership who truly understands the need for change and will fight everyday to protect our families.”

Stephen Whitburn is an award-winning journalist, community advocate, and spokesperson for the American Red Cross. As a member of the North Park Planning Committee, Stephen has worked hard to address the problem of increasing crime, boost the supply of affordable housing, and promote neighborhood businesses. He is outspoken in his belief that we need our County government to provide greater resources for job creation and fire protection. Fluent in Spanish, Stephen has been a liaison to the Latino community on public education for the American Red Cross.

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