

# STEPHEN WHITBURN FOR SUPERVISOR

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## WHITBURN DEMANDS BETTER JOBS FOR SAN DIEGO COUNTY

San Diego, CA, September 2, 2010 – The Center on Policy Initiatives (CPI) released a devastating study today finally quantifying the inability of San Diego residents to afford to live here. After looking at a variety of data, the study concluded that over 30% of households in San Diego County can not make ends meet. This is a powerful indictment of Ron Roberts and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and their inability to address underemployment and unemployment.

“It is unacceptable that more than 30% of San Diegans can’t afford to live in San Diego County,” said Stephen Whitburn, candidate for San Diego County Supervisor in District 4. “Anyone willing to put in a full day of work in San Diego should be able to support their family in San Diego.”

Recent reports have shown that the Board of Supervisors failed to apply for more than \$10 million in federal stimulus funding – making San Diego the only major county to forego those funds. These funds could have been used to help our economy by directly helping employers pay for new hires at no expense to them.

“It’s clear that Ron Roberts cares only about his own job, and failing to apply for our fair share of millions of dollars is simply wrong. The people of San Diego deserve better,” said Whitburn. “As a County Supervisor, my number one priority will be making sure everyone who wants a job can get one. We must be innovative and explore every opportunity for our families. We certainly can’t turn down money that is there for the taking. Our community requires someone who understands the needs of working families and will fight everyday to bring jobs and dollars to San Diego.”

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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