

Volunteer Big Shots

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San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders depends on a couple of volunteer businessmen to handle major initiatives. Fred Maas, the developer and former head of CCDC, is helping coordinate the quest for a new stadium. Steve Cushman, the former port commissioner and car dealership magnate, is the point man trying to pull together a new Convention Center expansion deal.

Now, Jason Hughes, of prominent downtown commercial real estate firm Hughes Marino, has sent a letter to the mayor offering to help the city negotiate its downtown real estate leases for free.

“As an outspoken critic of the way the City has handled its evaluation of building the new City Hall proposed by CCDC years ago, I nevertheless am prepared to ‘walk the talk’ that I’ve been preaching over the years regarding all the money the City could save by handling its downtown real estate needs differently.”

He said he read DeMaio’s talking points for the city’s downtown leasing problems and was moved to offer help.

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