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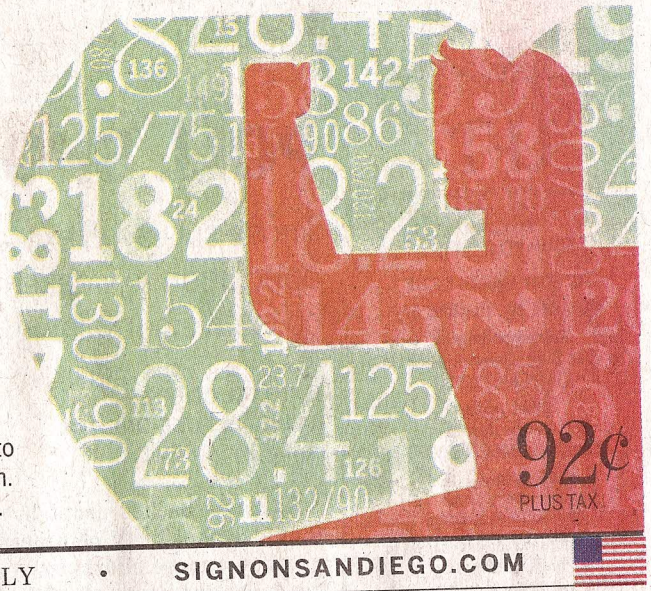

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COUNTY'S SICK TIME POLICY IS UNCOMMON

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Fewer than half of employers surveyed offer such payouts

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The county's sick leave payout for its managers is uncommon in the region, and a survey of 39 employers by The San Diego Union-Tribune found only one that offers a benefit more generous.

The county portrayed the benefit last month as a competitive necessity to get and keep the best talent. The U-T found fewer than half of employers surveyed allow workers to cash out unused sick time. Only the 142-employee Padre Dam Municipal Water District had a more generous payout.

The Santee-based water district pays workers 60 percent of their accrued sick pay when they leave employment — plus 1 percent for every year of service over 20 years.

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CITY APPROVES $4.1 BILLION IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

With an eye on Brown's plan to eliminate such agencies, council presses ahead with funding for improvements

ROGER SHOWLEY • U-T

The San Diego City Council approved $4.1 billion in redevelopment projects Monday — possibly the largest defensive move by a California city against proposed state elimination of redevelopment agencies.

The money, which pays for everything from sidewalks to more than $1 billion for affordable housing — but not the proposed Chargers stadium — would come from property taxes collected in the city's 17 redevelopment project areas over the next 40 years.

But the list is subject to change and, more important, could prove futile in the attempt to thwart the state's action as proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown to help plug the state's $26 billion budget hole.

Brown's office took note of the city's action and released this statement: "It's a shame that local elected officials are rushing to shift billions of local taxpayer dollars into redevelopment projects while simultaneously proposing major cuts to education, public safety and other core services."

The governor's plan, already approved by a legislative committee, would send $1.7 billion in unspent redevelopment funds statewide to Sacramento for the fiscal 2012 budget year; dismantle the state's 325 redevelopment agencies, including San Diego's, and starting in 2013, redirect redevelopment funds to schools, city and county general funds and special districts, just as other property taxes are distributed.

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