

SANDAG retreat site questioned

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local environmental health organization is questioning the location of the San Diego Regional Planning Agency’s retreat at the Barona Resort and Casino.
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BARONA RESERVATION - A local environmental health organization is questioning the location of the San Diego Regional Planning Agency’s retreat at the Barona Resort and Casino.

Nearly 30 people affiliated with the Environmental Health Coalition showed up at the SANDAG meeting to protest freeway expansion as the SANDAG board discussed the county’s regional plan.

Monique Lopez said the location made it difficult for others who wanted to come to the meeting.

“I think we should have these types of conversations in more inclusive spaces where it is easier for folks to access,” Lopez said.

Lopez argued the retreat should be held in a more central location, like downtown San Diego.

“With the board discussing such an important topic to the community, to have it in a place where it’s really inaccessible to get to unless you have your own vehicle is really quite concerning,” Lopez said.

A SANDAG spokesperson said the board has had their retreat at Barona for six years and has nothing to do with avoiding public comment.

“In the past, we used to meet out in Borrego, and we’ve come closer so these people can participate in this,” SANDAG chairman Jack Dale said.

A spokesperson said the retreat location is put out to a bidding process. Barona had the most competitive package. The price tag for the retreat is roughly \$25,000, according to SANDAG.

“There’s never a perfect place to have everything, Dale said. “This is certainly a facility that’s not that terribly hard to get it,”

Dale added that the public is always welcomed to comment during public meetings.

The retreat ends Friday.

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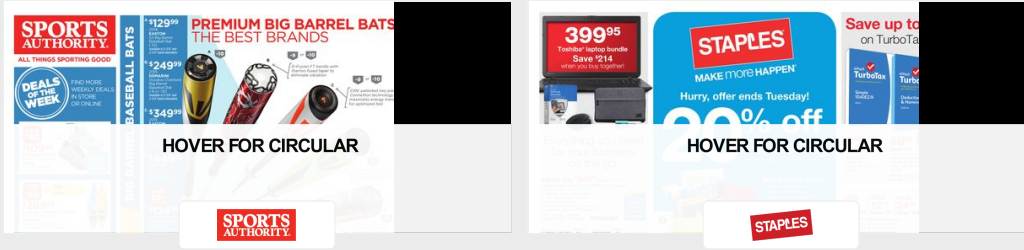
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