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Mayor Bob Filner  
City Administration Building  
202 C St., 11th Floor  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Filner:

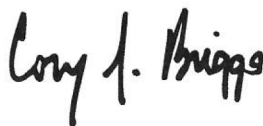
It is with great dismay that I write to ask that you resign as Mayor of America's Finest City. I have been struggling to try to understand, and put in proper context, all that I have been learning about what has taken place within your office. Certainly you are entitled to broad latitude in your efforts to put the City back on a proper course, but that latitude is not limitless. I have spent the better part of my career standing up for principles of open, accountable, responsible government. It is clear to me that your office has violated those principles and that it would be impossible for you to successfully continue in the office without long-term damage to those principles and the community's efforts to see them fully implemented at City Hall.

I have given this request much thought, after trying other options. As you know, on more than one occasion I have offered your office input on how to navigate the legal and ethical labyrinth at City Hall. Too often, however, your office has been unreceptive--occasionally even dismissive--of that input. At this point, I cannot maintain my credibility in the community as an advocate for good government while pretending that your office has not been irreversibly compromised.

My request that you step down is made reluctantly. I share many of your views about what's wrong with the City and about what needs to be done to put the City on the right track. But your transgressions of core, non-partisan principles of governance are likely to cause long-term damage to the movement to clean up City Hall.

I therefore ask that you immediately step down as Mayor. I firmly believe that your doing so is in the best interests of the City.

Sincerely,  
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