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**MAYOR BOB FILNER
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

NEWS RELEASE

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APPOINTS LEE BURDICK
AS CHIEF OF STAFF**

(San Diego) -- Mayor Bob Filner is proud to announce he has promoted Lee Burdick to serve as his Chief of Staff. Burdick most recently served as Deputy Chief of Staff and was initially hired as the Mayor's Director of Legal Affairs. She previously represented the City as a Commissioner on the Board of the Port of San Diego.

"It is an honor for me that Lee has accepted the position as Chief of Staff. She is an incredible talent who brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and integrity to the Office of the Mayor. I respect her and intend to rely heavily on her leadership in this new role."

Burdick will assume the role as Chief of Staff immediately. Former Congressional Chief of Staff Tony Buckles, who recently came to San Diego to help with the transition of moving Burdick into this role, will head back to Washington D.C.

Burdick says she accepts this role with great humility and a determination to move the City forward in the progressive, inclusive way San Diegans clearly showed they wanted in the Mayoral election.

"I am taking on this responsibility fully aware of the allegations and concerns confronting the Mayor and the City at this moment in history. After serious introspection, I must step forward to help the City through these challenging times. I strongly support the Mayor's agenda of putting neighborhoods first, of implementing innovative ways to bring good paying jobs for all San Diegans, of leading the way in energy policy and environmental sustainability, and in setting a more compassionate tone for an inclusive City where everyone has a seat at the table. I also

support the Mayor's commitment to not only pursuing excellence and action when it comes to promoting the City, but his commitment to doing the right thing in his interactions with the people he serves. This City will move forward."

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