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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT PETERS

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### **Peters Receives “Visionary Award” from LEAD San Diego**

SAN DIEGO – Council President Scott Peters has been named 2006 “Graduate of the Year” by LEAD San Diego, a nonprofit community leadership organization. The award was one of several given during the annual Visionary Awards, honoring those who have demonstrated leadership in a variety of categories.

The “Graduate of the Year” award was given in recognition of Peters’ many years of community and political leadership. A 1995 graduate of the LEAD program, Peters was selected from a group of over 1600 individuals who have completed the nine-month program of issue-oriented seminars.

Speaking of behalf of the Council President, Mayor Jerry Sanders thanked Peters for his willingness to step up and aid San Diego in a time of great turmoil. “To solve problems you have to have a good partner,” Sanders said, “and Scott is a good partner.”

Peters was humbled by the honor and reflected on his time in the LEAD program. “LEAD was a great experience for me. It taught me that San Diego is an adolescent city. Not old and formed like New York or Chicago, but young, smart, good looking and looking ahead to decide on its future. I learned here what regular people are doing to help San Diego grow up. You informed and inspired my own decision to enter public service. It means so much to me to receive this award.”

Other 2006 Visionary Awards recipients include Blair Sadler, President and CEO of Children’s Hospital; Margaret Iwanaga-Penrose, President and CEO of the Union of Pan Asian Communities; community volunteer Dorothy Leonard; Qualcomm co-founder Irwin Jacobs and the CDMA team; the Joe and Vi Jacobs Family; and Richard Kiy, President and CEO of the International Community Foundation. The prestigious “Morgan Award,” named after longtime San Diego journalist Neil Morgan, was given to Murray Galinson, Chairman of the Board of San Diego National Bank and the California State University.

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