Faulconer names Katie Hansen as chief of staff

Tony Manolatos assumes deputy chief position

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San Diego Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer has named Katie Hansen as chief of staff. Hansen will oversee day-to-day operations, policy, communications, office management and legislative affairs for Council District 2.

"Katie brings an impressive background in public policy, small business and local government affairs," Faulconer said. "We've worked together on numerous issues, including Proposition D, and I am delighted to welcome her to my team."

Hansen starts Jan. 10. She replaces Aimee Faucett, who recently was named deputy chief of staff and director of policy for Mayor Jerry Sanders.

In a related move, Faulconer promoted Tony Manolatos from communications director to deputy chief of staff/communications director. Manolatos joined Faulconer in 2009 following a 14-year career in journalism.

"Tony has been a terrific asset," Faulconer said. "He and Katie will complement each other nicely."

Hansen has worked for the California Restaurant Association since 2007 as director of local government affairs for Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties.

Previously, she served as the associate director of public policy for BIOCOM, a biotechnology trade association, where she was responsible for local government affairs, the San Diego Biotechnology PAC and interaction with the FDA. She has worked on several political campaigns and has held board positions in numerous political organizations.

Hansen is a graduate of San Diego State University and holds a bachelor's degree in political science and history.

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