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## NEWS RELEASE

# **MAYOR BOB FILNER HELPS WOUNDED VETERAN SECURE HANDCYCLE**

(San Diego) -- Mayor Bob Filner received a big thank you on Friday, from a wounded Army Veteran in desperate need of mobility. The Mayor was able to secure a handcycle for Todd Fahn after he suffered severe injuries to his back from an explosion while serving in Iraq.

“I had come to a place of extreme frustration and the system was not working. I reached out to Mayor Bob Filner because of his many years of commitment to helping veterans in need and he delivered,” said Fahn. “Because of him, I have a device that helps me get around quickly and efficiently.”

Mayor Filner met Fahn at a Wounded Warrior Project event in San Diego. Fahn was teaching other wounded veterans how to use a handcycle, which is a bike that is powered by hands rather than legs. He told the Mayor about his situation and how he was unable to get funding from the Veterans Affairs Administration for a handcycle of his own.

“We must always remember the extreme sacrifice that the men and women in our military have made for us,” said Mayor Filner. “We must show compassion and gratitude by helping however we can. It is the least we can do to make sure they have what they need.”

Fahn brought his son Bentley to meet the Mayor. Fahn says his new handcycle will allow him the mobility he needs to get around quickly, especially as the father of a toddler.

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Picture 1 – Mayor Bob Filner standing:

Mayor Bob Filner, right, smiles as toddler Bentley Fahn joins his father, Army veteran Todd Fahn, during a news conference on April 5, 2013, about the new handcycle Mayor Filner helped to secure for Fahn.

Picture 2 – Mayor Bob Filner bending down to talk

Mayor Bob Filner, right, talks to Army veteran Todd Fahn and his toddler son Bentley, about the benefits of a new handcycle. The veteran came to City Hall to thank Mayor Filner for his help in getting the handcycle.

