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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MAYOR BOB FILNER
REACHES NEW HEIGHTS
WITH WORLD'S TALLEST MAN!!**

(San Diego) – Mayor Bob Filner encouraged the world’s tallest man to go for his dreams when he “ducked” into the Mayor’s office for a visit on Wednesday, May 15th. Sultan Kösen is listed as the world’s tallest man in the Guinness Book of World Records, standing at 8’3” tall.

“I was struck not only by his incredible height, but also by the fact that he has big dreams beyond his international fame from being the world’s tallest man,” said Mayor Bob Filner. “It was a good reminder that even though we all have physical differences, we are all the same in that we want good things for our futures. It was great spending time with him!”

Kösen says it was an honor to meet Mayor Filner. The two spent time talking about all sorts of things; the Mayor learned that Kösen’s favorite food is lamb kabobs, he wears a size 28 shoe and he hopes to one day become a U.S. citizen and open a restaurant—maybe even one here in San Diego!

The mayor got creative in trying to see what it is like to be that tall by standing on a table next to Kösen, and even though it made him a lot taller, Kösen still had him beat!!

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Mayor Bob Filner welcomes the world's tallest man, Sultan Kösen into City Hall for a visit.



Mayor Bob Filner steps onto a glass table in attempt to be eye-to-eye with Kösen and Travis Knowles, Chief of Staff for City Councilman David Alvarez.



Mayor Bob Filner stands tall next to Kösen and his translator, Atilla Kahveci.



Mayor Bob Filner and Sultan Kösen share a laugh while kicking back in the Mayor's office.

