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**Mayor Filner Applauds Workshop on Port and  
Maritime Industries**

*Focus on economic vision and selection process for Port Commissioners*

SAN DIEGO – Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner announced today she would be holding a workshop focused on defining the city’s comprehensive economic vision for the Port of San Diego as well as developing a suitable selection process for the city’s Port Commission representatives to ensure the city is better able to implement its long-term goals for the Port and maritime industries going forward.

Lightner will hold the workshop at the March 6 meeting of the Rules and Economic Development Committee, which she chairs. The workshop will cover three critical areas:

- Developing the city’s comprehensive economic vision for the Port as part of the city’s long-term economic goals.
- Establishing a selection process for the city’s Port Commission representatives that spells out core qualifications while providing greater clarity and transparency.
- Defining the roles and responsibilities of the city’s Port Commission representatives to ensure appropriate oversight and accountability.

Mayor Bob Filner applauded Lightner’s efforts, explaining that he identified the Port of San Diego as the cornerstone of his economic vision for the city during his mayoral campaign.

“The city has been without a comprehensive economic development strategy for more than a decade,” Mayor Filner said. “I want to help establish the city’s priorities for the Port and I want there to be a process – a solid and transparent process – so that the City of San Diego is able to select representatives to the Port who are able to really deliver on those priorities.”

Lightner, who has worked for the last year to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy for the City of San Diego, said the Port of San Diego is central to the city's larger economy so it is critical that the city has the right vision for the Port and the right people to help implement the vision.

"We cannot simply wing it when it comes to our strategy for the Port of San Diego," Lightner said. "We need to know exactly what we want to accomplish and we need to make sure we have a selection process that ensures we have Port Commissioners with the appropriate skills to advance those goals. We also need to provide performance measures for our Port Commissioners and hold them accountable to those standards of success."

*Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.*

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