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## **Faulconer Announces Director of New Performance and Analytics Department**

*Almis Udrys will oversee “San Diego Works” efficiency initiative, open data, other efforts to improve City operations*

SAN DIEGO – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced Almis Udrys as the Director of the City’s new Performance and Analytics Department. Udrys currently serves as Mayor Faulconer’s Director of Government Affairs. The announcement comes as the City Council unanimously accepted a report today from Huron Consulting that recommends several efficiency strategies that Udrys will oversee.

The Performance and Analytics Department, included in the City of San Diego Fiscal Year 2015 budget, will be responsible for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of City operations; performance measurement and management; long-term strategic planning and initiatives; the *San Diego Works* initiative; competitive bidding for City services, known as managed competition; and open data.

**“Almis has been working for years to make government work smarter and faster, which makes him the perfect fit to head this department,” said Faulconer. “Almis is known for collaborating with all sides to deliver results for taxpayers, and he shares my passion for bringing a customer service attitude to City Hall. He will oversee efforts to make government operations more performance and data driven, which will ultimately save money that can be used to improve San Diego communities.”**

The new department will review employee efficiency proposals under Mayor Faulconer’s new *San Diego Works* program. *San Diego Works* challenges employees, labor organizations and management to collaborate and submit cost-saving and operational streamlining ideas that save money and/or allow for enhanced services to taxpayers that benefit neighborhoods. Additionally, the department will work with efficiency experts to streamline managed competition.

Udrys has overseen several of the City's streamlining efforts in recent years, including capital project contracting reform that resulted in accelerating infrastructure projects by over 50 percent. He most recently served as Committee Consultant to Councilmember Mark Kersey's Infrastructure Committee, advancing the implementation of open data to enhance public transparency and increasing public input into the capital project prioritization process.

Udrys has worked for State Auditor Elaine Howle as a senior performance auditor where he evaluated the efficiency and effectiveness of at least a dozen taxpayer-funded programs and departments. He also worked as a budget strategist and negotiator in the state Legislature where he led efforts to achieve a fiscally responsible \$125 billion budget, and as an advisor on a wide array of state and local government issues, including rainy day funds, pension reform, health policy and water policy.

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