



**MAYOR BOB FILNER**  
**News Release**

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**MAYOR BOB FILNER ANNOUNCES INITIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS  
REFLECTS DIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO**

(San Diego)-- Mayor Bob Filner announced an accomplished team with diverse backgrounds joining him in the Mayor's office.

This group is a reflection of the diversity in the City of San Diego, more than 50-percent of the staff is female and 38-percent are Latino, 21-percent African-American, 4-percent Asian Pacific Islander as well staff from the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender community.

"When I campaigned for Mayor, I pledged that everyone would have a seat at the table, and that includes in my administration. I am proud to lead this team of talented and dedicated women and men. Together we will work hard for the citizens of San Diego," said Mayor Bob Filner.

Staff in the Mayor's office includes:

Vince Hall, Chief of Staff; Nelson Hernandez, Assistant Chief Operating Officer; Allen Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff; Francisco Estrada, Director of Council Affairs; Irene McCormack, Director of Communications; Donna Frye, Director of Open Government; Lee Burdick, Director of Special Projects & Legal Affairs; Linda Perine, Director of Community Outreach; Mario Lopez, Director of Bi-National Affairs; Lea Fields-Bernard, Director of Appointments and Compliance; Willie Blair, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization; Manny Doria, Community Outreach; Bert Luna, Assistant to the Mayor; Brenda Lugo, Director of Scheduling; Rev. John Ringgold, Mayoral Ambassador; Lena' Lewis, Press Secretary; Steve Hadley, Deputy Director of Open Government; Jessica Gomez, Protocol Officer; Molly Chase, Protocol Officer; Pat Calloway, Executive Assistant to Chief of Staff; Caroline Ledesma, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant; Shalonda Vinegar, Receptionist; Waynee Lucero, Mayoral Assistant; Al Alvarado, Community Outreach.

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