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**MAYOR BOB FILNER**  
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**MAYOR FILNER APPLAUDS SELECTION OF BALBOA PARK  
AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN URBAN OASES IN THE COUNTRY!**

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(SAN DIEGO) – Mayor Bob Filner said Balboa Park deserves to be on the Huffington Post’s list of the country’s top ten urban parks.

“The Post got it right,” said Mayor Filner. “This park is our oasis from the stress of urban living.”

“It is a great place to unwind, whether that means picnicking on the grass, watching buskers juggle or visiting the internationally-known San Diego Zoo, the Old Globe Theatre or other cultural attractions,” the Mayor said.

The online news magazine sought out park spaces and encouraged readers to “take some time to leave your office or apartment by heading to a calming outdoor space.”

Balboa Park placed fourth on the Post’s list of “relaxing green spaces for a little urban Zen.”

Huffington Post editors chose Balboa Park as great place to leave the “frantic pace of big-city life, for just an hour or even a full day.”

Mayor Filner believes the urban oases designation confirms a general public understanding of Balboa Park.

“This is a special place for everyone, residents and visitors alike, and it deserves our attention and support” he said. “Our city forefathers and foremothers were looking far into the future when they established this park over 100 years ago.”

“We must keep their vision in mind as we prepare to host the Balboa Park Centennial Celebration in 2015,” he said. “I look forward to claiming the number one spot in the Huffington Post list by then.”

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