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**MAYOR BOB FILNER
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

*Mayor Bob Filner responds to Rural Metro's filing for bankruptcy on
Sunday, August 4, 2013.*

(San Diego) – “The contract with Rural Metro is intended to provide San Diegans with the safety and security they expect and deserve when faced with medical emergencies. Rural Metro’s recently filed bankruptcy petition has raised in the minds of many the question of whether Rural Metro can or will provide the level of emergency services San Diegans deserve and expect.

“I asked that same question. Consequently, I have directed our Chief Operating Officer to once again communicate the exact terms of our agreement with Rural Metro to the firm’s owners and managers. I have also directed our lead contract manager and my senior staff to meet with Rural Metro representatives this week to thoroughly review the company’s plan for meeting our contract terms as they undergo their financial reorganization. To date, the company has provided all appropriate assurances that it is prepared to meet and fulfill the contract terms.

“As always, I am committed to ensuring that San Diegans continue to receive the highest level of emergency services possible. My staff will continue to monitor and manage the Rural Metro contract to the benefit of all our citizens.”

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