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NEWS RELEASE

## **Michelle Obama Announces Mayor Faulconer Selected to Join Strategic Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness**

San Diego, CA – Today at the White House, First Lady Michelle Obama announced that San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer will join the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) *Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness*.

**“Over the years, I’ve worked locally with many San Diegans to help homeless veterans create a better life. I’m proud to take this issue head-on and join the national initiative to find more ways to get our nation’s heroes off city streets and back into a decent home.”**

Launched by the first lady and HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan today, the *Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness* is a federal initiative to end veteran homelessness in American cities by 2015. The call to action by Secretary Donovan involves leaders with HUD, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the National League of Cities. The purpose of the Mayors Challenge is to work at ending homelessness nationally by implementing strategies locally.

HUD's Mayor Challenge is a part of a larger USICH initiative, [Opening Doors](#), which is the Nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness. The National League of Cities is also providing an additional venue to help cities achieve the goal of ending homelessness among veterans through resources associated with the [Homeless Veteran Leadership Network](#) (HVLN).

Other California mayors participating in *Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness* include Mayors Ashley Swearengin of Fresno, John Marchand of Livermore, Jean Quan of Oakland and John D'Amico of West Hollywood. For more information on this challenge, visit [www.hud.gov/veterans](http://www.hud.gov/veterans) or email [MayorsChallenge@hud.gov](mailto:MayorsChallenge@hud.gov) to find materials about veterans, homelessness and other local efforts.

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