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## **San Diego County Democratic Party Calls on Mayor Bob Filner to Step Down**

*The San Diego County Democratic Central Committee this evening held its second special meeting in a week to discuss the allegations against San Diego Mayor Bob Filner. Since the last meeting, multiple women have come forward publicly with specific claims of harassment, including one who has filed legal charges. Tonight, 34 members supported a motion for Filner to step down; 6 voted against. Chair Francine Busby has issued the following statement:*

"With heavy hearts but clear minds, the members of the San Diego County Democratic Central Committee met this evening. We affirm our commitment to a vision of San Diego as a city of diverse, vibrant communities where every neighborhood is a priority; every man, woman, and child is treated with respect; and quality public services enhance the lives of all San Diegans. As Democrats, we are committed to making that vision a reality.

"We have listened to Democrats with strongly held views on all sides of the controversy that has arisen in the past two weeks. The one thing those Democrats have in common is that they continue to support the progressive agenda that we elected Mayor Filner to champion.

"We respect the legal process that is now unfolding and believe that the Mayor and his accusers will have their fair hearing. We are not here to determine guilt or innocence. However, in the best interest of the city, the San Diego County Democratic Party has voted to ask Mayor Filner to step down, seek the personal help that he needs, and allow San Diego to move forward."