



Memorandum

June 11, 2007

TO: Honorable Members of the City Council

FROM: Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT: Resignation of Ronne Froman as Chief Operating Officer and appointment of Jay Goldstone as Interim COO

It's with a great deal of sadness that I announce the resignation of Ronne Froman as the City's Chief Operating Officer. A copy of her letter to me is attached. Ronne's last day with the City will be Friday, June 29. While we search for a permanent replacement, Jay Goldstone will serve as interim COO.

Let me take this opportunity to thank Ronne for her service to our city and its citizens. From the day that Ronne joined my team two years ago, she told me that it was her intent to return to the private sector as soon as possible. We have kept extending her departure date monthly since the day I took office. Earlier this year, Ronne informed me that the end of the fiscal year would be her time to leave. As sad as I am to see her leave, I am incredibly heartened by what she has helped me accomplish on behalf of our citizens. Not only is Ronne one of the finest human beings I have ever met, her judgment and commitment to our city has been absolutely amazing. She has always been the kind of person that you want at your side -- leading -- when the going gets tough.

While I am sad to see her go, I also understand that she wants and deserves a break. I know that you will join me in wishing Ronne well.

I will keep you posted on our progress in identifying a permanent replacement. Thanks.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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The Honorable Jerry Sanders
Mayor
City of San Diego
202 C Street, 11th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Mayor Sanders:

It's with a great deal of sadness – but also with respect for your vision and leadership -- that I inform you of my resignation as the city's chief operating officer effective Friday, June 29, 2007. From the moment I joined your team two years ago, I told you that any additional government service on my part would be limited to a very brief period of time. I have been fortunate to have had four amazing jobs in my life: 31 years of service to the U.S. Navy, leadership posts at the City Schools and the American Red Cross and now serving our citizens as your COO. All of those jobs have provided me with amazing challenges and personal growth opportunities. Now, I need a break!

I have told you, and it's true, that I would not have come back to government service for anyone but you. Your vision and leadership are a credit to this city and I am exceptionally proud of the roadmap for change and reform that we jointly have crafted. During my 18 months as your COO, we have made amazing progress, including issuing two CAFR's; two balanced budgets that included a multitude of reforms; a Five Year Plan that details financial reforms that will change this city for the better; and a BPR process that has resulted in unprecedented reforms and tens of millions in savings for taxpayers. All in all, it's been a wild, fun and incredibly productive ride.

Jerry, I greatly respect and admire you as a person and your accomplishments as our mayor. I look forward to my continued involvement in our community. Know that you can count on me for any assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

Ronne Froman
Chief Operating Officer