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Statement of Peggy Shannon regarding Mayor Bob Filner

Mayor Filner would come by my desk several times a day, as I worked at the San Diego City Hall as a volunteer three days a week, so I saw him many times during the week. I have to say that when Mayor Filner first talked to me, I took it as a compliment. After all he is the Mayor. My co-workers and I would laugh about it at first. But when it kept happening and it got more and more inappropriate, it was not **funny any more.**

Mayor Filner started coming by my desk several times a day. He would take my hand and talk about us getting together the next weekend. I knew he was engaged and I felt very shocked and upset that he would think I would go out with him. Every day that I went to work I had butterflies in my stomach, because I did not know what was going to happen the next time the Mayor came by my desk. It became very stressful for me, but I was not going to stay away from my job.

On the day that Mayor Filner grabbed me and kissed me, I was so very surprised. I went home and I cried. I just felt so sad. I was just not sure how to take this contact, but it was very disturbing to me.

On the day that Mayor Filner came by my desk and asked me if I thought he could go eight hours in one night, I was shocked that he would say that to me. I was working and had to get myself together to continue my job at the Senior Citizens Services Desk. I was very bothered by this statement and went home again and cried.

On July 12th the day after I saw the first media coverage, when the Mayor walked by my desk and motioned for me to be quiet, I was blown away. He had said on the news release that he was sorry for the way he treated his female staff. Then the next day he said he had done nothing wrong.

I feel now that he was not sorry. It was all bad and I do not feel that he should have said or done any of those things to me.

I thought Mayor Filner would apologize to me, but I was wrong. I want to do the right thing for San Diego. Mayor Filner should resign immediately.

Mayor Filner, I am a mother, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. I have three sons, four grandsons and two great grandsons. As our mayor you should be, but are not, a role model for any of them.

Mayor Filner, I want to protect working women. It is long overdue for you to do the right thing and the right thing now is for you to go.

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