

Statement of Michelle Tyler

Today is both a good day and a sad day. It's a good day because the city of San Diego can move on and refocus on the needs of this great city and it's sad that we have to spend a tremendous amount of time and money to reelect a person that is worthy of this responsibility of being mayor. I want to make it very clear that being caught up in this unfortunate situation is the absolute last thing Katherine or I wanted, but we had to do the right thing and speak up. We do not know any of the other women that experienced very similar situations as I did with Bob Filner. I am happy that he did the right thing and put the best interest of the city first. Katherine and I have been overwhelmed and very thankful for the tremendous amount of love and support we have received, and trust me this was very difficult for us to do. After all this is done Katherine and I will still be forging forward and doing great things on behalf of all Veterans through organizations such as Team Semper Fi and other recovery through sports organizations.

Out of this unfortunate situation has come many blessings and we want to thank a few people. First, thank you Gloria. You are extraordinary and you are really a champion for all women. Also, we want to say thank you to the Oceanside and La Jolla American Combat Veterans of War, also known as ACVOW office. They have been tremendously helpful to Katherine and countless Marines for many years. And also to Dr. Michael Hoffer at Balboa Naval Medical Center. He is not only an amazing human being but his dedication to helping active duty service members and injured warriors is always above and beyond. He is truly exceptional. Katherine also has some people to thank for both of us.

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