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**MAYOR BOB FILNER
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

NEWS RELEASE

INFORMATION RE: TRIP TO PARIS, FRANCE

Mayor Bob Filner releases facts about the cost of his trip to France.

(San Diego) – Mayor Bob Filner wants the people of San Diego to know his recent trip to France was arranged and managed in accordance with all appropriate policies, procedures and regulations. It was conducted to help maintain positive international relationships that he had developed while in Congress which he can call upon to benefit several City projects. Initially, he was invited to speak at the Organization of Iranian-American Communities (“OIAC”) 2013 Annual Conference for Democracy. In addition, the Mayor also travelled to the City of Lille, France in the region of Nord Pas-de-Calais where he toured and was briefed on their internationally recognized energy and sustainability programs, which he would like to use as a model for our City.

Building and maintaining these international relationships will support several of the Mayor’s most important priorities for San Diego, including increasing cargo imports that lead to good-paying maritime jobs and his vision for an innovative energy and sustainability program.

The costs for the OIAC trip totaled \$31,363, of which nearly one-third – the Mayor’s expenses – were paid by OIAC. Below please find a breakdown of those expenses:

Mayor’s Expenses (Paid by OIAC)

Airfare	\$8,304
Lodging	\$971
Meals	\$564

Security Detail’s Expenses (Paid by City of San Diego)

Airfare	\$16,462
Lodging	\$3,183
Meals	\$1,599

The region of Nord Pas-de-Calais, France paid approximately \$280 in transportation costs for the Mayor and his security detail to and from Paris.

Under the California Fair Political Practices Act, OIAC's payment of the Mayor's expenses are exempt from all gift limits because OIAC is an IRC §501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the expenses were incurred for a legitimate governmental purpose.

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