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**San Diego Chamber Endorses Kevin Faulconer for Mayor**  
*First mayoral endorsement for the organization since 2005*

**SAN DIEGO (September 12, 2013)** – Today the [San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors](#) voted to formally endorse Kevin Faulconer for Mayor of San Diego. This is the organization's first endorsement of a mayoral candidate since former mayor Jerry Sanders, now Chamber president and CEO, ran in a runoff election in 2005.

"Kevin Faulconer has been a leader for business, for neighborhoods and for San Diego over the last seven years as a City Councilmember," said Jerry Sanders, president and CEO of the San Diego Chamber. "Kevin embodies the bipartisan and collaborative spirit that we need right now. We know who he is, what he stands for and share his vision for the future of San Diego."

During the special board meeting, candidates Nathan Fletcher and Kevin Faulconer were invited to speak to the group and answer questions. After hearing from the two candidates and discussion, the Board voted in support of three motions: 1) to make an endorsement for mayor at this time; 2) for that endorsement to be for Kevin Faulconer; and 3) to recommend to the Chamber PAC board to contribute funds for a positive campaign.

"I'm honored to have the support of San Diego's small business leaders. They're the foundation of our economy -- working men and women committed to the success of our region," said Kevin Faulconer. "When it comes to nurturing a healthy environment for the businesses and innovators that provide good-paying jobs for working families here in San Diego, I can't think of a better partner than the Chamber of Commerce."

Today's board meeting was the fourth of several special meetings held as part of the organization's internal endorsement process. Last week the Chamber's management council, special committee and public policy committee also voted in favor of endorsing a candidate and for that candidate to be Kevin Faulconer.

***About The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce***

*The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit membership organization that helps provide a voice for San Diego businesses through advocacy, member-to-member connections and professional development. Representing nearly 3,000 businesses and more than 400,000 member business' employees, the Chamber is committed to organizing the business*

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