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Statement of Peggy Shannon

Today the citizens of San Diego can move forward. It is something I have been praying to happen for weeks. I am not sorry at all for coming forward regarding my situation with Mayor Filner. It has been a difficult few weeks but I have persevered. On Monday of this week, I was coming into City Hall as Mayor Filner was coming in through the opposite door right by my desk. Just being in the same room with him my heart stopped and I was very upset. But, I turned away until he went upstairs. I was a VICTIM but now I am a SURVIVOR.

I have met new friends in the process. Plus, I have had many San Diegans come up to me in various places and thank me for what I did and how they appreciated it.

I want to thank Gloria for being by my side and giving me the courage to go on. Also, I want to thank the other awesome women that had the courage to come forward. Plus my family and many friends that have stood by me through this situation. Last but not least GOD, who has given me the strength to come forward.

Peggy Shannon

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