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Jerry Sanders Announces First Hire; Aimee Faucett to Join San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

New position brings together public policy and member services

SAN DIEGO (May 16, 2013) – The <u>San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce</u> announced today that Aimee Faucett will join the organization as Executive Vice President of Domestic/International Public Policy and Member Services.

In her new role, Aimee will focus on the Chamber's domestic and international policy agenda, including oversight of the Mexico Business Center. In addition, she will lead the Chamber's membership department which currently serves nearly 3,000 members and 400,000 employees across the region.

"Aimee joins the Chamber as we look to bring transformative change to the organization by strengthening our policy efforts and growing the membership base," said Chamber president and CEO Jerry Sanders. "Her knowledge of San Diego, plus her expertise in public policy and community outreach, will help to serve all types and sizes of businesses in the region."

The role is a new position for the organization that brings together the Chamber's policy team and member services to help better understand and serve small and medium-sized businesses.

"I am thrilled to be joining the San Diego Chamber. I look forward to working on behalf San Diego businesses to ensure a strong vibrant local economy," said Aimee. "I am honored to be joining the Chamber at this important time in the organization's history."

After leaving the Office of former Mayor Jerry Sanders, where Aimee served as Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Policy, she joined the Republic Services team as the Municipal Relationship Manager focusing on public/private partnerships in San Diego County and neighboring counties in southern California.

"Aimee was a tremendous asset during my time as Mayor and I am delighted to work with her again at the Chamber," continued Sanders.

Prior to joining the Office of former Mayor Jerry Sanders, Aimee served as Chief of Staff to San Diego City Councilmember Kevin L. Faulconer and former Councilmember Jim Madaffer

and Council Representative to former Councilmember Judy McCarty. She oversaw the day-to-day operations and was responsible for community outreach, policy, communications, office management and legislative relations.

Aimee also serves on several non-profit boards such as the Jacobs Cushman San Diego Food Bank, the American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter, San Diego Diego State Alumni Association and I Love A Clean San Diego.

Aimee is a graduate of San Diego State University and holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

Former Mayor Jerry Sanders officially started as the Chamber's new president and CEO in April 2013.

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 community to help make San Diego the best place to do business. For more information, please visit www.sdchamber.org or call 619/544-1300.

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