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Statement by San Diego Log Cabin Republicans on Fletcher Announcement

San Diego, CA – Following the announcement of San Diego Mayoral candidate and Republican State Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's decision to leave the Republican Party, San Diego Log Cabin Republicans President Victoria Kerley issued the following statement:

"Nathan Fletcher's decision to leave the Republican Party this morning leaves a void for many mainstream Republican candidates in the upcoming San Diego Mayoral election.

Log Cabin Republicans is a Republican advocacy & volunteer organization first and foremost, and our bylaws clearly state that one must be a registered Republican to receive our endorsement.

So while we must rescind our chapter's formal endorsement of Nathan's campaign, we send with him our gratitude and thanks for his steadfast commitment to the conservative values of individual liberty, personal freedom and a limited government. His leadership calling for a repeal of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' strengthened our national security. Nathan's advocacy for tax reform in Sacramento continues to aid our families during these tough economic times.

Nathan's departure is a casualty of Prop 14's 'jungle primary' system, which has weakened the Party overall. Our Republican 'Big Tent' just became one man smaller."

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Log Cabin Republicans promotes legislation to provide basic fairness for gay and lesbian Americans and works to build a more inclusive GOP. The 30-year old organization has state and local chapters nationwide, a full-time office in Washington, DC, a federal political action committee and state political action committees.