

An open letter to Senator Ben Hueso

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To: Senator Ben Hueso

From: Michael Pallamary

As you know, I have been actively involved in the recall of your associate, Mayor Bob Filner. Chief amongst my sundry motivations is the love of my grandchildren and other young adults who are watching and listening to individuals like you and me. We are supposed to be role models; you have an obligation to your constituents and I, to mine.

With regards to my constituents, we have all grown tired of turning on the television or opening a newspaper only to hear or read about some poor woman relating their lurid experiences with your political ally Bob Filner. Normally, my wife and I and our grandchildren discuss little league scores, the Chargers, the Padres, and, best of all, to play word games. Instead and thanks to your ill thought and utterly classless decision, my grandchildren are now reading about masturbation and other repulsive topics. You must be proud of yourself.

From my perspective as a father and grandfather, your actions are reprehensible and simply uncalled for and, in the unlikely event there is a shred of evidence regarding your allegations, complaints such as these must go through proper channels.

Have you not learned anything from the Filner debacle? Moreover, and so that you understand, a situation such as this requires what is known as “due process,” a procedure you are clearly unfamiliar with. Did you read the sexual harassment manuals while employed at the city?

Given your actions, I am compelled to ask, why have you chosen to share your “observations” at this time and in this fashion and, more importantly, with the media?

How do you discuss masturbation with your family? Is it done at breakfast or over dinner?

At a broader level, are you able to comprehend the deleterious impacts upon the city of San Diego as a result of your actions? Many of us are working hard to rehabilitate our national reputation while you, instead, appear more interested in destroying it for political gain. Was that not Mr. Filner’s objectives?

Mr. Hueso, you owe the citizens of San Diego an apology. If your specious allegations have any merit, they should have been advanced through the same procedures that Mr. Filner and his accusers were obligated to follow.

Shame on you.

Michael J. Pallamary, Recall Bob Filner