



Steve Francis, independent Mayoral Candidate for San Diego, supports calls for independent city auditor

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Candidate for Mayor of San Diego Steve Francis comments upon charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) against former City Auditor Edward Ryan and City Manager Michael Uberuaga.

PR9.NET April 29, 2008 - San Diego, CA – Independent mayoral candidate Steve Francis released the following statement regarding the charges filed against San Diego's former City Auditor and City Manager:

"The charges filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) against former City Auditor Edward Ryan and City Manager Michael Uberuaga are a victory for the people of San Diego. For too long, there has been an improperly close relationship between the management and auditing functions at San Diego City Hall," stated Francis.

"Now is the time to take bold, decisive action to create real independence between the Mayor's Office and the City Auditor," Francis continued. "I believe strongly that a truly independent City Auditor, appointed by the Audit Committee, will help us achieve fiscal recovery and protect taxpayers. That's why I was proud to speak before the City Council on February 25th to support Councilmember Donna Frye's proposal to have a truly independent City Auditor – one who is appointed by the Audit Committee and confirmed by the Council."

"With the commencement of this litigation by the SEC, I am hopeful that city leaders will once and for all recognize we must have honesty and transparency in government at San Diego City Hall. I am optimistic that these proceedings, which will be heard in open court, will shine a bright light on how business has been done at City Hall, and the need for change in leadership to restore the public's trust," Francis concluded.

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About Steve Francis for Mayor

Steve Francis, businessman and entrepreneur, is a candidate for Mayor of San Diego. At the heart of his independent mayoral campaign is the desire to free San Diego from the grip of special interests and to restore fiscal integrity, ethics and transparency in city government. Francis, best known as co-founder and Chairman of AMN Healthcare (NYSE:AHS), has pledged that he will remain free from the influences of special interests by not accepting any political contributions from lobbyists, thus ensuring that the voices of everyday San Diegans will be heard.

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