



Second Chance

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CONGRESSMAN FILNER COMES TO SECOND CHANCE

WHAT: Congressman Bob Filner, representing the People of California's 51st District, will tour Second Chance's new Encanto headquarters on Friday, August 5.

Congressman Filner's visit will include addressing the 86th Second Chance STRIVE class on their first day of their three-week job readiness training program as well as meeting with Second Chance Prisoner reentry program participants.

WHERE: San Diego Second Chance Headquarters
6145 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92114

WHEN: Friday, August 5, 2005 at 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

BACKGROUND: Second Chance is a non-profit agency in San Diego established 12 years ago to help the homeless and chronically unemployed with jobs, housing and life skills. 25% of the clients served by Second Chance are from Representative Filner's District. Congresswoman Susan Davis has been very helpful in the past in securing earmark funding for Second Chance. However, at the end of 2004, Second Chance moved its headquarters to the Encanto community located in Representative Filner's District. The move is part of Second Chance's long term strategic plan to have more space and be able to deliver services to more individuals in San Diego.

Many of Second Chance program participants come to us directly from the criminal justice system. Ex-offenders have personal and professional challenges in their efforts to reenter the community. California holds 40% of all those incarcerated in the United States. Second Chance's Prisoner Reentry Employment Program- **PREP** – gives ex-offenders a real chance at rebuilding their lives and an opportunity to become self-sufficient, productive members of society.

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