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Evan McLaughlin Named Political Director of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council

Former voiceofsandiego.org Reporter to Start Position Immediately

San Diego – Jan. 7, 2008 – The San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council has hired award-winning political reporter Evan McLaughlin as its new political director.

McLaughlin, who covered San Diego City Hall and local politics for *voiceofsandiego.org* since 2005, fills the position vacated by Lorena Gonzalez. Gonzalez was unanimously named secretary-treasurer of the Labor Council last month.

“I’m excited for this opportunity,” said McLaughlin. “For the last three years I was fortunate enough to learn about the region’s government. This position is a natural extension of that work.”

Several media groups, including the San Diego Press Club and the San Diego chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, have recognized McLaughlin for his political reporting.

McLaughlin’s hiring is the only notable change in the Labor Council under the leadership of Gonzalez.

“We had a lot of great candidates interested in the position,” said Gonzalez. “It was a tough decision for our executive board’s hiring committee, but Evan’s experience made him the clear choice.”

A graduate of UCSD, McLaughlin interned for Rep. Pete Stark (D – Calif.) and Stephens Media Group’s Washington bureau.

The San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council is a coalition of 119 local unions that represent 120,000 working families in the region. The Labor Council strives to ensure that all workers in the region earn a fair wage and health care for their families.

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