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I am concerned and disappointed by the disturbing allegations of sexual misconduct against Mr. Fletcher. It takes immense courage for individuals to come forward with such allegations, and we must create a safe and supportive environment for victims to share their stories.

While it is crucial to allow the legal process to take its course, and for all parties to be heard, Mr. Fletcher's decision to resign from the Board of Supervisors was the right one. As elected officials, we hold a position of great responsibility and trust and must be held to a higher standard of conduct.

The resignation of Mr. Fletcher is a necessary step for the future of San Diego County. The focus should be on the people we serve in this region and abuses of power cannot be tolerated. As elected officials, we must remain vigilant in our commitment to serving the public good and always act with integrity and honor.