

THERE HAS BEEN A DEVELOPMENT IN YOUR CASE?

As most folks know, my trial is set for Jan 22. That is not going to happen. On Tuesday I will be officially changing my plea to guilty.

There are three reasons not to have a public trial between my wife and myself. Those three reasons are my kids. It is hard enough being the children of a public figure, it's time for them to live their lives outside the spotlight.

It's been a privilege to serve America and San Diego for 11 years in Congress and for three combat tours in the Marine Corps. We've done some great things for our nation.

WHATS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE SEAT?

I am confident that the transition will be a good one. My office will remain open and serve the people. My staff is great and will continue working until we hand it off to the next Congressman.

Last election I was the only Republican to be reelected and keep his congressional seat in San Diego and Orange County. It is critical that Republicans keep this seat to provide President Trump with the support he needs to keep America great with strong national security, border security and good jobs for the American people.

WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT?

The charge I am accepting in this plea does not involve one penny of taxpayer money, only the misuse of my own campaign money, to which I am pleading guilty to one count. I have made mistakes and failed to properly monitor and account for all campaign expenses. I justify that plea with the understanding that I am responsible for my campaign and what happens on my watch.

Whatever the time in custody is, I will take the hit. It is my hope that the court will not sentence my wife to jail. My daughters need a mom in the house.

WHAT NEXT?

I choose to go to war after September 11, 2001, for my kids and my family. I finished my last tour knowing that in the end, I fought for the men beside me. My proudest accomplishment in Congress is keeping our warfighters, who have been

prosecuted and incarcerated for doing their jobs, out of jail.

I have fought for this nation, overseas and at home. I've met and served with men who have paid a far higher price for their service, some the ultimate price. I will be OK, our district will be OK, and our nation will be OK. We are fighters and we never give up the challenge in front of us.