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### **New Parking Garage Opens in North Park**

*Councilmember Atkins Attends Grand Opening Event*

SAN DIEGO – The North Park community today gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the North Park Parking Garage in the heart of the North Park neighborhood. The \$14.5 million project represents another step in the continued revitalization of the historic North Park community.

The five-level public parking garage offers 388 parking spaces, and 14,000 square feet of retail space designed to accommodate the increasing number of visitors and vehicles to the newly renovated North Park Theatre and the revitalizing business and cultural district along University Avenue.

“This new parking garage is truly an important milestone in the renaissance of North Park,” said Mayor Jerry Sanders. “With high-quality events staged weekly at the North Park Theatre and marked improvements along the business corridor, North Park has become a destination for tourists and San Diegans alike and serves as a model for how redevelopment can work to improve our older urban communities.”

The project was made possible through a collaborative effort of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Diego (Community and Economic Development Department), private developer Arnold G. “Bud” Fisher and local community members. The Redevelopment Agency held a series of community meetings to design the parking structure and the final design is a product of that effort.

The parking garage also incorporates the community’s love for arts and culture that are in keeping with the North Park neighborhood. Large display panels are positioned along the sides of the garage and will feature artwork from local artists that will be selected by community representatives.

“The North Park Parking Garage represents an excellent example of project design that truly takes the recommendations and suggestions of the community into account,” said Councilmember Toni Atkins who represents the North Park neighborhood. “This project, designed entirely by the community, addresses an important need, but also symbolizes the diverse and eclectic North Park neighborhood through the incorporation of an artistic component. This garage will serve the community well for many years to come.”

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