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City of San Diego Spotlights Fair Housing Month with Message from Mayor Gloria NEARLY 4 MILLION AMERICANS FACE HOUSING DISCRIMINATION EACH YEAR

SAN DIEGO – To mark the beginning of National Fair Housing Month on April 1, the City of San Diego released a new <u>video</u> public service announcement, featuring Mayor Todd Gloria, that will air locally on Cox Media channels throughout the month. The video aims to educate San Diegans on their rights and what they can do if they think they are a victim of housing discrimination.

"Every San Diegan should have a place that is safe, secure and welcoming," said Mayor Todd Gloria. "It's important that landlords are transparent and equitable in their housing practices and don't discriminate against possible renters."

National Fair Housing Month celebrates the passage of the Fair Housing Act in 1968, a national law that prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, color, national origin, religion and gender. In the State of California, there are additional protections for marital status, sexual orientation, ancestry, source of income, age or occupation.

The City of San Diego is committed to furthering fair housing efforts by promoting fair and equal housing opportunities to its residents. In collaboration with the City, the Legal Aid Society of San Diego offers free community outreach and legal services to anyone who believes they have experienced housing discrimination harassment. The Fair Housing Hotline is another resource that can be reached at 844-449-3500.

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