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City of San Diego Wins Workplace Award for Supporting New Mothers

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BREASTFEEDING COALITION HONORS CITY AS ‘BREASTFEEDING-FRIENDLY WORKPLACE’

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego has been named a “Breastfeeding-Friendly Workplace” in the government category by the San Diego County Breastfeeding Coalition (SDCBC). The award will be presented at the Coalition’s Liquid Gold Gala fundraiser on Oct. 7.

“The City is committed to supporting our employees, and that includes helping new mothers as they return to the workplace,” said Chief Operating Officer Scott Chadwick, who signed the City’s Lactation/Breastfeeding Accommodation Policy in March of this year. “Caring for young children is as challenging as it is rewarding, so we’re proud of our policy providing a positive workplace environment, reasonable accommodations and comfortable facilities that assist new mothers with their work-life balance.”

The City was nominated for the award by an anonymous Park and Recreation Department employee who wrote, in part, *“As a first-time mother, the thought of returning to work was an emotional time. However, the experience the City of San Diego and my immediate workplace offered me was incredible. The City of San Diego’s Lactation/Breastfeeding Accommodation Policy really accomplishes what is intended, by providing a workplace for mothers who desire to breastfeed their infant child while still being able to work. I highly recommend the City of San Diego for this very deserving award.”*

The City’s Lactation/Breastfeeding Accommodation Policy protects employees from discrimination, provides a “reasonable amount” of break time, facilities and signage for privacy during breastfeeding activities.

The City of San Diego joins Public Concern International and PayLease as SDCBC’s honorees in the nonprofit and business categories, respectively. For more information about SDCBC, visit www.breastfeeding.org.

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