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San Diego Recognized for Open Data Efforts

SAN DIEGO EARNS ISO 37120 PLATINUM CERTIFICATION FROM WORLD COUNCIL ON CITY DATA

Austin – The City of San Diego's open data efforts earned global recognition with the City earning ISO 37120 Platinum certification today from the World Council on City Data (WCCD) (www.dataforcities.org) at a smart city conference in Austin, Texas. San Diego is only the third U.S. city to achieve this distinction, joining Boston and Los Angeles.

San Diego was awarded WCCD ISO 37120 Platinum Certification based on the recommendation of the independent, third party verifier who reviewed the City's data.

"Earning this certification demonstrates that San Diego is a smart city. Our data is a valuable public asset and we're making it accessible, now across the globe," said Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. "Our employees and community members are using our data to develop innovative initiatives to improve our City."

In May, the City made its data available to dozens of people as part of a SmartCity Hackathon focused on San Diego's Climate Action Plan. Participants explored 500 datasets from the City and hackathon partners to create technology to help the City achieve the goal of curbing greenhouse gases.

San Diego will launch its open portal of datasets in July following a period of public input through DataSD.org which helped the City prioritize the initial datasets to be shared.

 "We are pleased to welcome the City of San Diego to our global network of innovative cities committed to improving city services and quality of life," stated WCCD President and CEO, Dr. Patricia McCarney. "San Diego's outstanding efforts in leveraging open city data to help create a smarter, more sustainable future is very much in line with the core tenets of the WCCD, and we very much look forward to working with Mayor Faulconer and his team."

WCCD hosts a global platform for high caliber, standardized city data and is the certification body responsible for implementing the first international data standard for cities, ISO 37120 Sustainable development of communities – indicators for city services and quality of life. Globally standardized city data drives a culture of data in cities and allows for innovative solutions to travel across cities in this rapidly growing network of WCCD ISO 37120 certified cities.

ISO 37120 includes 100 indicators based on 17 themes showcased on the WCCD Open City Data Portal, enabling comparability and best practices for cities throughout the world.

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