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## **City Offers Free Training for Development Professionals**

## POTENTIAL TIME AND MONEY SAVINGS WITH CERTIFICATION

SAN DIEGO – If you are planning to build in the City of San Diego, a free training may help you save time and money. The City of San Diego Development Services Department is seeking development professionals to participate in a free training that allows qualified individuals to certify that their discretionary development project applications meet the minimum Land Development Code submittal requirements, and thus are complete and ready for staff review upon initial submittal.

"City staff will provide the training for the completeness review," said Development Services Deputy Director, Elyse Lowe. "Professionals who become certified can reduce initial discretionary project application processing times by up to 10 business days. This saves applicants valuable time and money when processing land use entitlements, conditional use permits and mapping actions. Typically, these trainings are designed for architects and engineers who are licensed, but we are not restrictive with this. If a person is a developer who does not hold these licenses, we welcome that person."

Over 100 development professionals including architects, engineers, attorneys and more have taken the Professional Certification for Completeness Review Course at Development Services over the past two years. To register, contact the Development Services Department at 619-446-5046 or email Kara Walker at <u>KNWalker@sandiego.gov</u>.

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- WHAT: Professional Certification Training for Discretionary Completeness Review More information can be found here: <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib514.pdf</u>
  Note: This specific Self-Certification for Discretionary Completeness is ONLY for the entitlement process, NOT ministerial building permits.
- **WHO:** Eligible certified professionals
- **WHEN:** Thursday, Mar. 2, 2017, 10 to 11 a.m.
- WHERE: City of San Diego, Development Services Department 1222 First Ave., 4th Floor Training Room San Diego, CA 92101

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