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## San Diego City Council Approves Increased Housing Capacity and New Mobility Options for Kearny Mesa

## COUNCILMEMBERS ADOPT COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE THAT GUIDES FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

SAN DIEGO – In a move toward continuing Kearny Mesa's economic and cultural growth, today the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Kearny Mesa Community Plan Update (CPU). The updated plan promotes more housing development, employment and active community spaces for those who live, work and play in Kearny Mesa's new village areas.

"With an already strong history of cultivating innovative businesses, and the potential for more housing development, Kearny Mesa has a bright future," said Planning Director Mike Hansen. "We are excited to see this plan help the area continue its industrial and commercial growth, while also providing new options for the workforce to live nearby."

This CPU replaces the 1992 community plan and provides a framework of land use and urban design policies to guide community development during the next 20 to 30 years. Planners spent the past four years working closely with the community to create a plan that will provide a better balance of jobs and housing as the community grows. The plan also encourages mixed-use development with pedestrian-friendly spaces and access to the regional transit system.

Kearny Mesa has long been a major employment center for the city. By adding capacity for an increase of more than 20,000 homes, the plan gives people more options to live closer to where they work. The updated plan also provides a 25% increase in commercial square feet to support businesses and jobs.

Additionally, the plan supports the City's <u>Climate Action Plan goals</u> by locating residential units near jobs and transit. It expands choices for how people commute, including a bicycle network with more than 40 miles of protected lanes. The plan also implements a system of urban pathways and walkable areas for residents and visitors to easily get from one place to another, and it promotes linear parks and usable outdoor spaces to encourage a healthy community.

As a destination for visitors citywide, Convoy Street is one of the areas planned for more walkability, parks and connections between popular destinations. The CPU looks to further celebrate the Pan-Asian cultural identity of the Convoy Corridor by continuing to take inspiration from Asian influences in design signage, architecture, art and public areas. Community advocates have expressed support for the establishment of a future maintenance assessment district in this new Convoy Corridor Village to provide pedestrian-scale lighting, street furniture, wayfinding signage and landscaping.