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City of San Diego Invites Residents to Engage in Infrastructure Process

VIRTUAL EVENTS PLANNED ALL MONTH TO HELP COMMUNITY MEMBERS GET INVOLVED IN PROJECT PLANNING

SAN DIEGO – How does the City decide to build a park, library or fix our roads? How can you advocate for needs in your neighborhood? This month, the City of San Diego is inviting residents to participate in a series of virtual community events focused on engaging San Diegans in the infrastructure planning process.

"These events are part of our efforts to ensure all communities have a voice in how we prioritize improvements and enhancements to our parks, libraries and other public facilities," Mayor Todd Gloria said. "This will help ensure we effectively invest in all of our city's neighborhoods."

The City's <u>Capital Improvements Program</u> (CIP) provides for the planning, financing and construction of new or upgraded City facilities – including parks, fire stations and libraries – that ensure the health, safety and quality of life of all San Diego neighborhoods. Public input helps identify new needs in each community, <u>which are ranked and prioritized</u> with other previously identified infrastructure needs throughout the City. The prioritized needs are implemented as CIP projects, often over multiple years based on competing demands, legally mandated requirements and available funding and resources.

The first of several virtual events will be held this week, with additional opportunities occurring throughout February. City Councilmembers and City staff will present helpful information focused on each community and take questions from participants.

- Council District 5 with Councilmember Marni von Wilpert Thursday, Feb. 3, from 6 7 p.m. To register, visit <u>sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP1</u>.
- **Council District 9** with Council President Sean Elo-Rivera Wednesday, Feb. 9, from 6 7 p.m. To register, visit <u>sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP2</u>.
- **Council District 1** with Councilmember Joe LaCava Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 6 7 p.m. To register, visit <u>sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP3</u>.
- Council District 4 with Council President Pro Tem Monica Montgomery Steppe Thursday, Feb.
 17, from 6 7 p.m. To register, visit <u>sandiego.gov/PrioritizingCIP4</u>.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the event within their Council District but are welcome to join any of the meetings. To register, click the link for the Zoom webinar on the selected date. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

Additional community meetings are planned for the coming weeks. For more information, visit <u>sandiego.gov/community-talks</u>.