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Mayor Gloria, Councilmember Moreno Welcome Community to Island Avenue Mini Park

RESIDENTS AND CITY LEADERS CELEBRATE OPENING OF TRANSFORMED \$3.1 MILLION VACANT LOT IN STOCKTON NEIGHBORHOOD

SAN DIEGO – In an ongoing effort to provide more accessible and high-quality parks to San Diegans, Mayor Todd Gloria joined Councilmember Vivian Moreno and community members to cut the ceremonial ribbon to officially open Island Avenue Mini Park in Stockton today. The remodeled \$3.1 million park will bring more recreational opportunities to a neighborhood in need of additional places for children to play.

“Island Avenue Mini Park is another great example of the hard work of our City staff – turning an outdated space into a beautiful, multi-tiered park that overlooks Southeastern San Diego,” said Mayor Todd Gloria. “I’m committed to keep providing families across San Diego with new places to play and explore within their communities.”

The revitalized mini park features new play and shade structures, swing sets, picnic tables, trash and recycling receptacles, security lighting, a drinking fountain, improved landscaping and irrigation, and ADA compliant pathways to facilitate access for all users.

“I have and will continue to advocate for park improvements and funding to improve parks in District 8. Our neighborhoods need more green spaces like Island Avenue Mini Park where our children can play safely,” said Councilmember Vivian Moreno, who represents District 8. “Island Avenue Mini Park will be enjoyed by many for years to come, increase safety and is yet another step on the path toward increasing equity in the City’s park system.”

The facility is one of four mini parks located in Council District 8 that were allocated nearly \$6 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of the Southeastern Mini Park Improvements Capital Improvements Program project. Island Avenue joins Gamma Street and J Street mini parks as completed. Clay Avenue Mini Park is expected to be open sometime next year.

The City’s Parks and Recreation Department maintains more than 40,000 acres of park assets, including more than 400 parks, 60 recreation centers, 14 pools, seven skate parks and three golf courses. For more information about City parks and recreational opportunities, please visit sandiego.gov/parks-and-recreation.

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