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MEDIA ADVISORY

San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo to Host Grand Opening Event for New Allied Gardens Off-Leash Dog Park

- WHAT: San Diego City Councilmember Raul Campillo will host a ribbon cutting at the new Allied Gardens Off-Leash Dog Park. Following a brief speaking program featuring Councilmember Campillo and two others, a ribbon cutting will be performed at the entrance to the dog park. Then, the gates to the park will be opened for dogs and their owners to enjoy for the very first time. Council District 7, the Humane Society, and I Love a Clean San Diego will be on-site to offer services like free microchipping and information to community members.
- WHO: Raul Campillo, San Diego City Councilmember (7th District) Andy Field, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of San Diego Gerhard Oertelt, Founder of Beyond Leashes
- **WHERE:** Allied Gardens Off-Leash Dog Park, 6707 Glenroy St, San Diego, CA 92120 (precise location attached)
- WHEN: Saturday, February 10th at 12pm
- WHY: The new Allied Gardens Off-Leash Dog Park is the first ever City-funded dog park in Council District 7. Residents in the Navajo area have called for an off-leash dog park for 5+ years and have organized themselves in a group called <u>Beyond Leashes</u>. Councilmember Campillo worked with Beyond Leashes and the community to first find a suitable location, then secure the funding for this project, and finally ensure it is built. The new off-leash dog park is larger than more than 2/3 of dog parks in the City of San Diego and features repurposed logs for agility training and seating, a dog drinking fountain, trash and recycling receptacles, dog-bag dispensers, and separate fenced areas for large and small dogs.
- VISUALS: Speakers at podium Ribbon cutting with dog-themed ribbon and balloons Crowd of local dog owners and dogs expected 1:1 interviews available