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## **Redland Loop Residents Celebrate Newly Repaired Streets**

SAN DIEGO – Residents of the area known as "Redland Loop" are celebrating the repaving of the streets in their neighborhood which had deteriorated to an extremely poor condition for years.

City crews completed a majority of the repairs to Redland Drive, Redland Place and 55<sup>th</sup> St in February and finished painting lines in March of this year.

The completion of the work was a culmination of advocacy and collaboration between neighbors and the office of District Nine Councilmember and City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera.

"Everyone deserves safe streets and sidewalks in their communities," said San Diego City Council President Sean Elo-Rivera. "I'm grateful for the collaboration with the Redland Loop residents as we worked together to restore their streets to allow children and adults to enjoy their great neighborhood once again."

Resident Sara Ali reached out to the District 9 office about the poor street conditions and says the change has made a huge difference for the community.

"Over the past couple of weeks, I have seen many community members from different parts of the neighborhood extend their walks or bring their kids on bikes to enjoy our now safe streets," said Sara Ali, who lives in the area and pushed for the street repair. "Most importantly my kids were able to

watch our community respond to an issue and have it resolved through communication and hard work. We appreciate all of your perseverance and service."

Others said they encouraged that the repairs will bring long-term health benefits to the community.

"I cannot tell you how happy everyone is," said Vanessa Dangerfield, one of the residents who reached out to the District Nine office about the road conditions. "For me, personally, every morning I pull out of my driveway, I feel a sense of relief. ... I am eternally grateful to this (District 9) office for finally getting it done, taking this matter to heart—Maryan, Jeffery and Sean for keeping his word.

Residents had been calling for the repair for several years and resurfacing of the road had been delayed until after underground water pipes could be repaired which was also delayed.

Neighbors in the area had mentioned that children were getting injured while playing in the street.

After bringing it to the attention of Council President Elo-Rivera's office, they joined forces to advocate for repairs. Efforts eventually led to a council action dedicating money towards pipe repair allowing the street repaving to move forward.

Council President Elo-Rivera represents San Diego's Ninth Council District, including communities of City Heights, College Area, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mission Valley East, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Normal Heights, Rolando Village, Rolando Park, Stockton and Talmadge. He is the Chair of the Rules Committee and serving his third term as San Diego City Council President

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