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## **CITY ATTORNEY SUES TO PROTECT FUNDING FOR CRITICAL LOCAL SERVICES**

**SAN DIEGO** – City Attorney Heather Ferbert filed a lawsuit against two federal agencies to protect almost half a billion dollars in already awarded federal funding that supports necessary local services. These funds help the City build and repair critical infrastructure, provide housing and homelessness services, and support key programs that serve families and residents across the San Diego region.

The lawsuit, filed together with nearly seventy other cities, counties, and regional authorities across the country, challenges the federal administration's imposition of new conditions for the continued receipt of federal grants. These conditions include certification that the City does not operate diversity, equity, and inclusion programs; compliance with federal anti-discrimination laws; cooperation with federal immigration activities; and adherence to all Executive Orders issued by the President.

**"In light of these politically motivated and unlawful funding conditions, it is imperative that we take action to protect the critical federal grants that support our community,"** said City Attorney Heather Ferbert. **"These funds are essential to providing housing, maintaining infrastructure, and delivering services our residents rely on every day. We will fight to ensure San Diego continues to receive the resources it has earned and has been promised, without overreach from the federal government."**

The City of San Diego has been awarded approximately \$137 million in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) grants and \$225 million in U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. These critical funds support a wide range of essential local programs, including affordable housing, rental assistance, and homelessness services. They also help the City improve libraries, parks, and community centers, subsidize childcare and energy costs, and expand clean energy efforts such as mobile EV charging for zero emissions vehicles. Additionally, this funding is key to delivering long-term capital improvement projects like bridge rehabilitation and street repairs that maintain and upgrade the City's infrastructure.

The lawsuit and amendment were filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. The case is King County et al., v. Scott Turner in his official capacity as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, et al., Case No. 2:25-cv-00814-BJR.

The full amended complaint is attached.

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