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## City of San Diego Completes Major Park Improvements in Egger Highlands

NEARLY \$7 MILLION INVESTMENT IMPROVES PLAY EXPERIENCE AT ROBERT EGGER, SR.-SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY PARK

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Todd Gloria, Councilmember Vivian Moreno and the community celebrated the completion of major park improvements at Robert Egger, Sr.–South Bay Community Park in Egger Highlands today.

"For too long, our South Bay communities have gone without the investment they deserved.

That's changing," Mayor Todd Gloria said. "Today's improvements at Egger-South Bay Community

Park are part of my administration's ongoing commitment to do things differently — to prioritize critical infrastructure in every neighborhood and make sure no community is left behind."

The project replaced the two existing playgrounds with new play and fitness equipment and safety surfacing. Other upgraded features include the seating, shade structures, drinking fountains, security lighting, landscaping and accessible walkways. A new basketball court was added to the park and the parking lot was resurfaced.

"I have long fought to ensure the City provides equitable investment for parks in District 8 communities. With the newly renovated Robert Egger Sr. Park in the Nestor and Egger Highlands community, we now have two new play areas with safe, accessible surfacing, an adult fitness zone, and improved walking path for everyone to continue enjoying this recreational space," said City Councilmember Vivian Moreno. "Robert Egger Sr. Park, formerly known as South Bay Community Park, has seen generations of families fill this park with activity and joy. These improvements ensure the park will continue to be a center of the community into the future."

The project, which was managed by the Engineering and Capital Projects Department, cost \$6.9 million. All funding for the project was allocated in previous fiscal year budgets, including \$2.9 million in Community Development Block Grant funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of San Diego.

The park and recreation center gymnasium are dedicated in the memory of Robert Egger, Sr., a local dairy farmer and 58-year resident of the area, who worked to ensure the community had park facilities. He died in 1978.



## **News Release**

The City's Parks and Recreation Department manages over 40,000 acres of park assets, including more than 400 parks, 26 miles of shoreline, 60 recreation centers, 15 pools, 13 skate parks and plazas and three golf courses. For additional information about the City's park system, visit the <u>Parks and Recreation webpage</u>.



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