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DISTRICT FOUR CELEBRATES UNVEILING OF DR. WALTER G. WELLS STREET

**HONORARY STREET NAMING CELEBRATES PASTOR WELLS'
MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF FAITH, LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

SAN DIEGO — Councilmember Henry L. Foster III joined Pastor Dr. Walter G. Wells, his family, Mt. Erie Baptist Church leaders and community members Friday to unveil Dr. Walter G. Wells Street, honorarily naming 47th Street between Imperial Avenue and Logan Avenue in recognition of Pastor Wells' decades of ministry, leadership and service to Southeastern San Diego.

For more than 50 years, Pastor Wells has served as a spiritual leader, mentor and source of guidance for generations of families. Through his leadership at Mt. Erie Baptist Church, he has helped create a place rooted in faith, service, fellowship and a deep commitment to the surrounding community.

"Today is a proud day for District Four," said Councilmember Henry L. Foster III. "Pastor Wells has given more than 50 years of service to Mt. Erie Baptist Church, Southeastern San Diego and generations of families throughout our community. Dr. Walter G. Wells Street is our community's way of saying thank you and ensuring his name, service and legacy remain visible in the neighborhood he has poured so much into."

During the ceremony, Pastor Wells reflected on the significance of being able to witness the honor alongside his family, congregation and community.

"I am truly honored because I never imagined in my lifetime that a street would be named after me," said Pastor Dr. Walter G. Wells. "So often, people receive this kind of recognition after they have passed away, but I have been blessed to be here, to live it and to share this

moment with the people I love. I am grateful to Councilmember Foster, Mt. Erie Baptist Church and this entire community for this tremendous honor.”

The celebration included remarks from Councilmember Foster, members of the clergy and longtime friends of Pastor Wells, followed by a community countdown and the official unveiling of the honorary street sign.

The new street designation stands as a lasting tribute to Pastor Wells’ faith, leadership and continued impact on Mt. Erie Baptist Church and the broader Southeastern San Diego community.

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Councilmember Foster represents San Diego’s Fourth Council District, including communities of Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park, Lomita Village, Mountain View, North Bay Terraces, O’Farrell, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Ridgeview, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park, and Webster.

Councilmember Foster is the Chair of the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee, Vice Chair of the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, Member of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and Member of the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee.