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CITY ATTORNEY HEATHER FERBERT CUTS RIBBON ON SAN DIEGO FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER'S NEW HOME IN KEARNY MESA

SAN DIEGO — City Attorney Heather Ferbert, joined by city, state, and county leaders, law enforcement, the courts, and community partners, today cut the ribbon on the new home of the San Diego Family Justice Center (SDFJC) – Your Safe Place, in Kearny Mesa. Guests toured the expanded center at 9275 Sky Park Court, Suite 300, met the team, and learned about the services available to survivors and their families.

SDFJC moved from downtown to Kearny Mesa in September after nearly a year of planning, without losing a single day of service. The new location offers plentiful free parking, convenient access to bus routes and five major freeways, and more room for private conversations, children and families, and the partners who work alongside the SDFJC team. The San Diego Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit and the City Attorney's Gun Violence Reduction Unit work on site, together with the Center's advocates.

"When someone walks through our door, it may be on the worst day of their life, and we want them to feel safe from the moment they arrive," said **City Attorney Heather Ferbert.** "San Diego opened the world's first Family Justice Center because survivors shouldn't have to tell their story over and over just to get help. This new home carries that promise forward, and it's built around the people we serve. I'm grateful to the Family Justice Center team, who made this move happen while continuing to serve clients every single day, and to Mayor Gloria, the City Council, and our partners in law enforcement, the courts, and the community who make the one-door model possible."

In 2002, San Diego opened the world's first Family Justice Center, bringing advocates, police, prosecutors, and legal and support services under one roof so survivors of violence could get help in one place. That San Diego model has since been replicated across the country and around the world.

The San Diego Family Justice Center provides confidential, personalized care plans to adults, older and dependent adults, children, and teens who have or are experiencing domestic violence, family violence, older and dependent adult abuse, strangulation, sexual assault, sex trafficking, or gun violence, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, income, zip code, or immigration status.

Services are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with walk-ins welcome until 3:30 p.m. Clients can call (619) 533-6000 to schedule an appointment, and those who need help getting to the Center can request transportation assistance.

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