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Councilmember LaCava, Mayor Gloria, City Staff, and University City Community Leaders Commemorate Long-Awaited Governor Drive Traffic Signal Installation

San Diego — On Tuesday, August 9, Councilmember LaCava, joined by Mayor Gloria, City staff, and community leaders, welcomed University City's newest addition – a long-awaited traffic signal at the intersection of Governor Drive and Lakewood Street, which will be fully operational later this month.

While the traffic signal was initially approved in 2010, the design did not begin until 2019 due to funding challenges. This installation, which residents have been advocating for over a decade, represents this administration and council's priorities of investing in local infrastructure and public safety.

"This traffic signal is a celebration of public safety, departmental collaboration, the tenacity of District 1 residents and businesses, and our commitment to get needed infrastructure built in every neighborhood," **said Councilmember LaCava, the University City representative.** "Projects like this demonstrate our commitment to Vision Zero, making every intersection safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. No matter how you use our streets, you should be able to do so safely. Thank you to Mayor Gloria, Director Riveros, and all the city staff that never gave up on this project."

"My administration has been focused on cutting red tape to deliver infrastructure improvements faster and make sure our streets and roads are safer for everyone," **said Mayor Todd Gloria.** "The installation of this long-awaited traffic signal at Governor Drive and Lakewood Street is emblematic of these efforts and how this Mayor and Council are getting things done for the communities we serve. I want to thank Councilmember LaCava for his leadership and partnership to finally bring this to fruition for the University City community."

"The Transportation Department manages our City-wide traffic signal system and part of that management process is to listen and respond to community concerns, especially when it comes to safety," **said Jorge Riveros, director of the Transportation Department.** "The recent installation of this traffic signal will make navigating this location safer and less stressful for drivers."

"I kept watching cars speeding down a main road less than half a block from where I live in University City. I was concerned for my family's safety and the safety of my neighbors. I asked the city to add a traffic signal light at the corner of Governor Drive and Lakewood Street and was elated when I received a letter stating the city is placing the intersection on San Diego's traffic signal priority list," **said Mark Powell, a University City resident and project champion.** "Although it took longer than I anticipated, the city never abandoned the project and city staff kept me informed the entire time. Now thanks to City Councilmember LaCava, his office staff, city workers, and all others involved including Mayor Gloria; University City motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians are much safer today!"

Councilmember Joe LaCava represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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