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**BUSINESS CONSORTIUM TO UNVEIL REGIONAL MASS EVACUATION PLAN**

*Sorrento Valley's proposal is first-of-its-kind for San Diego*

San Diego, CA: On Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., Councilmember Chris Cate, the City of San Diego's Office of Homeland Security, public safety personnel, and a dozen prominent business leaders will be unveiling a regional mass evacuation plan for the Sorrento Valley business community. This plan is a first-of-its-kind for the San Diego region.

Disasters can occur with little or no warning. The Sorrento Valley Regional Mass Evacuation Plan will help businesses prepare in the event that a local incident forces a regional evacuation.

The Sorrento Valley Consortium includes the following businesses: Covance, FBI, General Atomics, Leidos, Mission Federal Credit Union, Qualcomm Incorporated, Quidel, Scripps Health, UCSD Hospital, and the VA Hospital.

"Public safety is our City's top priority. Sorrento Valley is known to be a center for high-tech, biotech and scientific research. The Sorrento Valley Consortium's plan will serve as a model for all future regional planning for San Diego," said Councilmember Chris Cate.

"The Sorrento Valley Consortium Evacuation Guide is another tool to empower San Diegans in preparing for emergencies. The guide serves as a model for future community preparedness efforts, and we look forward to continued collaboration with residents and businesses throughout San Diego," said John Valencia, the Executive Director for the City's Office of Homeland Security.

**WHAT:** Press Conference

**WHERE:** Qualcomm (Headquarters), 5775 Morehouse Drive, San Diego, CA 92121

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 | 1:00 p.m.

**VISUALS:** Councilmember Cate, emergency response vehicles, Sorrento Valley Consortium members, City of San Diego public safety personnel, large-scaled evacuation plan on boards

**About Councilmember Chris Cate:**

Chris Cate is an advocate and voice for all residents in District 6. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village, and Sorrento Valley.

