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**CHRIS CATE TO RECOGNIZE SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL ON NATIONAL YOUTH CONFIDENCE DAY**  
*City of San Diego's Budget Chair to Propose Returning All Juvenile Services to Fully Funded Levels for FY22*

San Diego, CA: October 20<sup>th</sup> is National Youth Confidence Day, a day to celebrate the energy, spirit, and potential of young people. National Youth Confidence Day acknowledges all that young people have, and will, accomplish. The City of San Diego is home to more than 1.39 million residents. According to a recent report, an overwhelming majority of San Diego's residents are school-aged children (ages five to eighteen).

Founded in 1935 by the San Diego Police Department (SDPD), the [School Safety Patrol \(SSP\)](#) was established to assist elementary school children across uncontrolled intersections on their way to and from school and to reduce the number of pedestrian and bicycle collisions involving elementary age students. SDPD's School Safety Patrols are on nearly 80 school campuses throughout the City of San Diego. Fifth and sixth grade students make up nearly 2,000 School Safety Patrol members whose job it is to cross children and adults safely at their school locations. They are selected, trained, and supervised on an ongoing basis by Juvenile Services Team Officers from eight area stations. SSP tasks include controlling pedestrian traffic, regulating vehicle traffic, and watching and reporting traffic violations.

"Public safety is one of my top priorities. As Chairman for the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee, I have seen first-hand the implications cutting back on neighborhood programs has had on our youth and our communities. That is why I am proposing a handful of solutions ranging from returning all Juvenile Services, School Safety Patrol programs, and STAR/PAL to fully funded levels for Fiscal Year 2022, to pursuing new, additional funds from the California Office of Traffic Safety to support these essential programs," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

**WHAT:** Press Conference

**WHERE:** Canyon View Elementary School  
[9225 Adolphia Street, San Diego, CA 92129](#)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021  
12:00 p.m.

**WHO:** Councilmember Chris Cate  
San Diego Police Department Juvenile Services officers  
Canyon View Elementary School Safety Patrol

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