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CITY COUNCILMEMBERS PROPOSE BRINGING LIFE-SAVING DEVICE TO SAN DIEGO *Educational Kiosk Would Reinforce Importance & Practice of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)*

San Diego, CA: Annually, more than 350,000 emergency medical service-assessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the nation. When a person has a cardiac arrest emergency, survival depends on immediately receiving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from someone nearby. If administered immediately after cardiac arrest, CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival.

The [American Heart Association Hands-Only CPR kiosks](#) have been placed in 45 locations across the country. Data from the American Heart Association has shown that kiosks placed in airports average 7,600 visitors per kiosk annually; and across all locations, nearly 600,000 visitors, residents, and community members. The American Heart Association Hands-Only CPR kiosks can be placed most anywhere within the airport and are funded in partnership between the American Heart Association and community champions. These kiosks come at a cost of \$375,000 each, including all associated maintenance and training provided by the service for a three-year period. The American Heart Association has committed to finding a funder for this project amongst the local donor community resulting in no financial impact to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

“Providing travelers the opportunity to learn and practice Hands-Only CPR as they pass through San Diego will increase awareness of and empower individuals to use Hands-Only CPR. It also increases the likelihood that a life will be saved, whether it is by a San Diegan who learned at the airport or by someone who learned while visiting America’s Finest City. These kiosks will save lives, while providing one more positive experience for those visiting San Diego,” said Yameeka Williams, Chair of the American Heart Association San Diego Division.

Councilmembers [Chris Cate \(District 6\)](#) and [Marni von Wilpert \(District 5\)](#) sent a [shared letter](#) to the board members of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority requesting a partnership with the American Heart Association to place a Hands-Only CPR kiosk at the San Diego International Airport.

“In 2019, a whopping 25 million travelers visited our airport. A Hands-Only CPR kiosk would provide those traveling to or through San Diego with the opportunity to learn and practice this essential life-saving skill. I look forward to working with the American Heart Association to have a Hands-Only CPR kiosk at San Diego International Airport,” stated Councilmember Chris Cate, Chair of the City’s Budget & Government Efficiency Committee.

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