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CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO ANNOUNCE NEW PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP *Homebuyer Down-Payment Assistance Program (\$750,000) to Help San Diego Police Officers*

San Diego, CA: Over the past two years, the City of San Diego has aggressively implemented substantial incentive programs, salary increases, and benefits to recruit and retain San Diego police officers to fully-budgeted staffing levels. Housing incentives, such as homebuyer down-payment assistance programs, help officers buy homes within the City of San Diego providing an additional incentive towards the recruitment and retention of police officers.

According to the San Diego Police Officers Association, only 29-30% of San Diego Police Department officers live within San Diego's city limits. Long commutes coupled with unconventional work schedules place a significant toll on the quality of life of any officer potentially serving as a deterrent to join or stay with the department.

Under Councilmember Cate's leadership, the National Asian American Coalition (NAAC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and the SDPOA, proposed the San Diego Police Officer Homebuyer Down-Payment Assistance Program. This program is managed and administered by NAAC. In May of this year, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer allocated \$250,000 in the revised budget to support the program.

"Public safety is our number one priority. Assisting our San Diego Police Officers with purchasing a home in the City of San Diego helps them establish roots in the communities they serve, and provides them with an additional incentive to join and stay with the San Diego Police Department. I am pleased to see the program come to fruition," said Councilmember Chris Cate.

Website: www.sandiego.gov/sdpolicehomebuyers

WHAT: Press Conference

WHERE: San Diego Police Department - Headquarters
1401 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101

WHEN: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Chris Cate, Councilmember, City of San Diego
Kevin L. Faulconer, Mayor, City of San Diego
David Nisleit, Chief, San Diego Police Department
Faith Bautista, National Asian American Coalition
Fred Lambright, Mechanics Bank
Jack Schaeffer, President, San Diego Police Officers Association