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COUNCILMEMBER WARD STATEMENT ON REMOVAL OF SAN DIEGO CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

SAN DIEGO, CA – (Wednesday, August 16, 2017) – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) made the following statement following the removal of a plaque honoring the Confederacy in San Diego's Horton Plaza Park:

"This morning, San Diego City staff acted quickly and decisively to remove a plaque honoring Confederate President Jefferson Davis from Horton Plaza Park in Downtown. While some may see many sides to this issue, monuments to bigotry have no place in San Diego. Thank you to the San Diego citizens who raised this issue and pressed for action, Mayor Kevin Faulconer for quick direction, and to everyone at the city who moved without hesitation to stand clearly on the side of what's right.

"We are tragically reminded in the wake of deadly domestic terrorism of our responsibility to actively bend the arc of the moral universe towards justice with our work. This is a small but critically important step to ensure San Diego remains a safe and inclusive place, and we will continue to confront the symbols and ideology of white supremacy and Neo-Nazism that threaten the values that make our city and country great."

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Lucas O'Connor at (619) 236-6633 or (619) 368-3153.

Councilmember Ward represents San Diego's Third Council District including the communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.

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