CITY COUNCIL APPROVES UPDATE TO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, EXPANDING SAN DIEGO’S HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

San Diego – San Diego is home to approximately 35,000 home-based businesses. Like many successful companies before them, entrepreneurs are creating new products, designs, and concepts that are impacting not just San Diego’s local economy, but the global economy, often from the confines of their living rooms and garages.

“We are in a new era, a new day. Start-ups and home-based businesses are thriving. My proposal allows business owners to have employees, vendors, and customers come on-site without the need to pay thousands of dollars for a permit,” stated Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6.

Councilmember Cate’s proposal has earned the unanimous support of two council committees, Community Planners Committee and the Planning Commission, and was approved by the full City Council this afternoon.

Home-Based Business Updates (§141.0308 Home Occupations, pages 32-33) includes:

(k) Home occupations may have a maximum of one employee or partner on the premises between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For the purpose of Section 141.0308(k) an employee does not include a resident of the home.

(l) Home occupations may have a maximum of one customer on the premises at a time, by appointment only, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; Home occupations shall not host customers on the premises more frequently than one customer within a 2-hour time period.

(m) Home occupations may have a maximum of one vendor on the premises at a time between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Home occupations shall not host vendors on the premises more frequently than one vendor within a 2-hour time period.

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