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COUNCILMEMBER CATE PROPOSES TWO CHANGES FOR SAN DIEGO PARK PLANNING
Modifying Park Guide to Include Pet-Friendly Drinking Bowls & Prioritizing Rubberized Safety Mats

San Diego, CA: Over the next decade, Mayor Faulconer's Play All Day Initiative plans to open or redevelop 50 joint-use parks with ten (10) of these facilities opening in District 6 alone. The residents and Recreation Council members of Council District 6 have identified the need to prioritize the following park design features for these forthcoming projects:

- pet-friendly drinking fountains
- poured-in-place rubberized safety resurfacing

"Our park facilities must provide the best services to accommodate all of our park users, including our four-legged family members," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

Furthermore, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) cites that the surfacing under and around playground equipment is one of the most important factors in reducing the likelihood of life-threatening head injuries, and poured-in-place rubberized safety surfacing would help mitigate this risk. The community requests these features be incorporated into the Mayor's initiative and all future park projects in order to improve the quality of life for our pets and ensure the safety of our youth.

"Emergency rooms across the nation treat more than 100,000 children annually due to contact from hard ground. Designing playgrounds at our city parks with the poured-in-place rubberized safety surfacing will help protect children from avoidable injuries," said Councilmember Chris Cate.

To meet the goals of District 6 community members, Councilmember Cate respectfully requested the Park and Recreation Department amend Section 2.9.5 Drinking Fountains and Section 2.11.4 Playground Safety Surfacing Materials of its Consultant's Guide to Park Design & Development. He requested Section 2.9.5 be amended to include that all parks shall have at least one (1) drinking fountain with a pet-friendly water bowl. Councilmember Cate further requested that Section 2.11.4 be amended so that poured-in-place rubberized safety surfacing be prioritized for all future playgrounds and tot lots to the extent it is feasible.

View Councilmember Cate's memo here: <http://bit.ly/2HuauCn>