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CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
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RE: Hands-Only CPR Kiosk at the San Diego International Airport

To the Board Members of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority:

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 you are called on to give CPR in an emergency, one will most likely be trying to save the life of a loved one, i.e. a child, spouse, parent, or friend.

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.

A record 25 million travelers visited the San Diego International Airport in 2019 alone. 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. These kiosks will save lives and create one more positive experience for those visiting San Diego.

Therefore, on behalf of the Fifth and Sixth Council Districts of the City of San Diego, and in partnership with the American Heart Association, we request your support to enter into a partnership with the American Heart Association to place a Hands-Only CPR kiosk at the San Diego International Airport. We hope you will join our effort to save lives.

Respectfully,

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