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### **Groundbreaking of Utilities Undergrounding Project Block 2J - Point Loma Celebrated During National Public Works Week**

**SAN DIEGO** - As part of National Public Works Week, Mayor Jerry Sanders, Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer, City officials, SDG&E, Cox Communications, AT&T and representatives from the community gathered to commemorate the groundbreaking of the \$4.8 million Utilities Undergrounding Project 2J - Point Loma.

Project Block 2J – Point Loma will underground the overhead utility lines for 266 customers living in Point Loma. The project will wrap around the greater Point Loma area and extend as far north as Clove Street and Hugo Street and as far south as Shelter Island Drive. The project also includes the installation of 45 new street lights and 32 new trees.

“Accelerating the City’s undergrounding schedule continues to be a priority of mine, so I am excited to announce the first residential undergrounding project in Point Loma,” said Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, who represents District 2, which includes Point Loma. “Many of our Point Loma neighbors are looking forward to saying goodbye to unsightly wires and welcoming a new and improved view of our beautiful neighborhood.”

Creating clearer views for the people who are in Point Loma will require converting approximately 10,304 feet of wire at a cost of almost \$4.8 million. Deputy Chief Operating Officer of Public Works David Jarrell says: "When the project is done, this area will be free from the overhead utility lines, meaning you will be able to see a clear view of our San Diego skyline.”

This project is an important component of the City of San Diego’s long-range plan to invest in public works projects which will replace unsightly overhead power and communication lines with a safer and more reliable underground system. The City of San Diego is currently relocating approximately 30-35 miles of overhead utility lines underground each year through the Utilities Undergrounding Program.

For more information about the undergrounding projects taking place in Council District Two or other places in the city of San Diego, call the Utilities Undergrounding Information Line at (619) 533-3841, or visit [www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding](http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding).

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