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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Councilmembers Faulconer, Alvarez Urge Approval of World-Class Urban Plaza**

#### *Proposal Also Would Restore Historic Park at Horton Plaza*

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**What:** San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer and Councilmember David Alvarez will hold a news conference to urge their colleagues to support a proposed world-class urban plaza in Downtown San Diego, which is headed for a vote of the City Council on Tuesday.

**When:** Monday, January 10, 2011 at 1 p.m.

**Who:** The Honorable Kevin Faulconer, Council President Pro Tem, City of San Diego

The Honorable David Alvarez, Council Member, City of San Diego

Jerry Engen, Senior Vice President of Development, Westfield

Russ Mitchell, Director of Sales & Marketing, U.S. Grant Hotel

**Where:** Directly in front of former Planet Hollywood building in Horton Plaza at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Broadway, across from the U.S. Grant Hotel.

**Visuals:** Conceptual renderings of proposed world-class urban plaza; Images of other great urban plazas from around the world; Tour of building to be demolished

**Background:** The San Diego City Council will consider a proposal on Tuesday, Jan. 11 that involves demolishing the former Planet Hollywood/Robinsons-May building at Horton Plaza and transferring the land to the City to create a world-class urban plaza.

“This is an outstanding project for the entire region,” Faulconer said. “This park will breathe new life into a key section of downtown and bring thousands of people from around the City to enjoy numerous exciting events, potentially including farmers markets, outdoor concerts and New Year’s celebrations.”

The plan also would restore and beautify the historic Horton Plaza Park and fountain adjacent to this property, re-establishing it as the regional treasure it was in the early- to mid-1900s.

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