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MEDIA ADVISORY

Mayor Faulconer, City Attorney Goldsmith & Police Chief Zimmerman Welcome Voluntary Independent Assessment to Help Restore Public Trust

San Diego, CA – Ushering in a new era of transparency, openness and commitment to excellence, San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, and Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman will invite the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to perform a voluntary independent assessment of San Diego's police department.

Over the next 6 months, the DOJ will conduct and fund an independent assessment of the San Diego Police Department. Following that assessment, the DOJ will provide recommendations to help improve San Diego's policing and public safety efforts. The assessment is a top priority for Mayor Faulconer, City Attorney Goldsmith and Police Chief Zimmerman and the first of many steps to help rebuild the San Diego Police Department and ensure safety in every San Diego neighborhood.

WHAT: News Conference

WHO: San Diego City Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer
San Diego City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, San Diego City Attorney
San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman
Associate Attorney General of the U.S. Tony West
U.S. Attorney Laura Duffy (Southern District of California)
Community Oriented Policing Services Office Director Ron Davis

WHEN: Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. PDT*
**Media must set up by 10:45 a.m. PDT*

WHERE: U.S. Attorney's Office
880 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101

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