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Faulconer Appoints New Park & Rec Director

San Diego, CA – Mayor Kevin Faulconer today announced the appointment of Herman Parker to the position of Park & Recreation Department director.

“San Diego’s park system is a great source of our City’s pride,” said Mayor Faulconer. “I’m confident that Herman Parker’s skills and talents will be a major asset to the City’s diverse park system, which includes some of the nation’s most beautiful and scenic parks, beaches and open space as well as the community and neighborhood-based recreational facilities.”

Parker has 28 years of public sector experience in developing, managing, and implementing parks, recreation, community and cultural services, events and policies. His leadership in recreation has garnered many awards for programs, marketing and media themes and facility designs from the California Parks & Recreation Society.

As the former director of community services for the County of Santa Barbara, Parker managed the county’s parks, beaches, aquatics, housing, libraries, community development and county arts commission. Prior to serving with County of Santa Barbara, Parker served in various capacities for the City of Temecula for 20 years. During his service in Temecula, Parker was instrumental in the development of many community parks, recreation centers and aquatic centers.

In addition to these accomplishments, he also developed signature sporting and seasonal events and coordinated joint-use agreements with school officials for share facility use. Parker began his career in recreation as a supervisor for the County of Los Angeles serving the city’s underserved youth. Parker has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from California State University, Long Beach.

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