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MAYOR BOB FILNER: COMPLETION OF UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF PUTTING NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

(San Diego) -- Mayor Bob Filner applauded the efforts of the Public Works Department in the final stages of an undergrounding project in a Bay Ho neighborhood at the intersection of Havasupai Avenue and Gallatin Way today. The Mayor was joined by San Diego City Councilmembers Lorie Zapf and Kevin Faulconer, SDG&E, Time Warner Cable, AT&T and community representatives.

Project Block 6J – Bay Ho is bordered by SR 52 to the north, I-5 to the west, Clairemont Mesa Boulevard on the east, and Jutland Drive to the south. The \$10.8 million project involved placing approximately 4 miles of utility lines underground and installing 67 new streetlights and 58 pedestrian ramps for 596 residents living in La Jolla. Approximately 80 trees will be planted and the streets will be resurfaced.

“What is happening here today is a perfect example of putting neighborhoods first. The work being done here is not only going to make this neighborhood more beautiful, it will make it more safe and increase property values for homeowners here. It is a win all around,” said Mayor Bob Filner.

The pole removed today is one of the last before this job is completed. This project is an important part of the City of San Diego’s long-range plan to invest in neighborhoods to replace unsightly overhead power and communication lines with a safer and more reliable underground system.

For more information on the undergrounding projects throughout the city, visit www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding.

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