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MIRA MESA CELEBRATES \$361,000 IN UPGRADES FOR LOCAL SENIOR CENTER *Senior citizens, City Councilmember, and community cut ribbon at Mira Mesa Senior Center*

San Diego, CA: On Friday, July 1, 2016 at 11:30 a.m., Councilmember Chris Cate, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department staff, and nearly 100 senior citizens from Mira Mesa will be cutting the ribbon at the newly-renovated Verne Goodwin Senior Center. The 3,672 square-foot Verne Goodwin Senior Center has not seen facility upgrades since its opening nearly three decades ago.

The aging population is the fastest growing population in the nation. By 2030, adults ages 65 and above will outnumber youth under the age of 17. The ribbon cutting ceremony will culminate \$360,999.11 in facility improvements at Verne Goodwin Senior Center which serves thousands of local seniors annually.

Facility improvements include a new roof, 17 skylights, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing, electrical, paint, and plaster. The Verne Goodwin Senior Center has the first-of-its kind thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roof, installed by the City of San Diego's Facilities Division. The TPO roof will last 30 years, requires less maintenance, and is compliant with Title 24 Cool Roofs.

"Dedicating more than a quarter of a million dollars in facility improvements to Mira Mesa's only senior center speaks in droves to our seniors being a priority, and not an afterthought. Located in the heart of Mira Mesa, the Verne Goodwin Senior Center serves as a bedrock for some of the most vulnerable members of District 6," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

In addition the to the ribbon cutting, Councilmember Cate will be formally recognizing the City of San Diego's [Park and Recreation Department](#) with a City of San Diego proclamation declaring the month of July as "Park and Recreation Month." The City of San Diego's Park and Recreation Department is responsible for overseeing 40,000 acres of developed and undeveloped open space, 340 parks, 26 miles of shoreline, 13 pools, three public golf complexes, and 56 recreation centers.

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting, Proclamation Presentation, and Barbecue

WHERE: Verne Goodwin Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126

WHEN: Friday, July 1, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

About Councilmember Chris Cate:

Chris Cate is an advocate and voice for all residents in District 6. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village, and Sorrento Valley.

