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NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST COALITION RELEASES PRIORITIES FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 Public Safety headlines this year's Neighborhoods First Coalition Strategic Plan

San Diego, CA: Founded in 2014, the Neighborhoods First Coalition (NFC) brings together members of each neighborhood in City Council District 6 and advises the Councilmember on priorities in their individual neighborhoods as well as common goals for all neighborhoods in the District.

Neighborhoods First Coalition Advisors include: Mitz Lee, Chair (Mira Mesa), Arnie Edner (Sorrento Valley), Bari Vaz (Mira Mesa), Stephen Groce (Clairemont), Dr. Allen Chan (Kearny Mesa), Kim Trang Dang (Mira Mesa), Helen Quintanilla (Park Village), Wayne Cox (Sorrento Valley), Lou Ascione (Miramar College), Shirley Gilbert (Clairemont), Andy Berg (Park Village), and Sandy Smith (Mira Mesa).

"We are pleased to see an increase in the participation for the planning process. This year's plan truly represents District 6. From planning boards to school safety patrols, residents provided input and suggestions on what they would like to see Councilmember Cate focus on for this year," stated Mitz Lee, Neighborhoods First Coalition.

While the district's priorities remain similar to years past, the 2017 Neighborhoods First Coalition Strategic Plan includes a larger emphasis on public safety. Objectives consist of expanding the number of Neighborhood Watch street captains throughout the district, utilizing social media to provide basic crime prevention tips to residents, improving fire safety throughout the district by facilitating neighborhood resident training and cooperation with Fire Department programs, and reviewing the feasibility of Neighborhood Code Compliance volunteer teams to handle minor infractions, to note a few.

"As the Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I plan to continue working with the Neighborhoods First Coalition to improve police recruitment and retention, increase community policing, ensure quality police and fire/rescue services, and reduce homelessness throughout all neighborhoods in San Diego," said Councilmember Chris Cate.

For more information on the Neighborhoods First Coalition, and to view the 2017 NFC Strategic Plan, visit: <u>www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/neighborhoodsfirst</u>.