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NEWS RELEASE

**Mayor Faulconer & Councilmember Emerald Call for
Infrastructure Improvements through CDBG Funding**
*Mayor Kick-Starts One San Diego Plan in City Heights, Stresses the Need for
Better Sidewalks & Public Facilities for Every San Diego Neighborhood*



San Diego, CA – Along a crumbling dirt path lacking sidewalks just blocks from an elementary school, park and church in City Heights, today Mayor Kevin Faulconer joined Councilmember Marti Emerald and other City Heights community leaders to stress the need for utilizing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to improve sidewalks, streetlights and public facilities in San Diego.

Mayor Faulconer said, “We have an opportunity for the City of San Diego to take bold action in transforming communities. My proposal will redirect millions of CDBG funds to our city’s infrastructure needs. Block by block, we can and will heal communities and block by block we can and will create economic opportunities.”

Councilmember Emerald, Chair of the Public Safety and Livable Neighborhood Committee said, “This proactive approach of leveraging CDBG funds will strengthen neighborhoods by investing in the City’s critical public infrastructure needs. This approach will help stabilize and improve neighborhoods by directing the investment of federal resources to our much needed communities.”

This project represents the first of many across San Diego where Mayor Faulconer will implement his *One San Diego* plan. Critical to this plan, Mayor Faulconer's CDBG proposal calls for redirecting a sizable chunk of the roughly \$11 million in CDBG funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposal is part of the Mayor’s focus on critical infrastructure needs, particularly in underserved communities.

Historically, the City of San Diego spent about 7 percent, or \$750,000, in CDBG funds for infrastructure needs. Mayor Faulconer's proposal calls to raise that amount to approximately 33 percent, or about \$3.6 million, annually. The City Council is expected to consider the proposal at the end of April.

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