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Faulconer Hails Passage of ‘One San Diego’ Proposals *Proposals Passed by City Council Increase Infrastructure Spending & Improve Emergency Medical Services for Communities that Need it Most*

San Diego, CA – Following the City Council's approval of two of the Mayor's key proposals, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer released the following statement:

“These two measures will help add sidewalks and emergency medical services in communities that need it most. My proposals to redirect millions of dollars in federal funds to our city's infrastructure needs and provide additional emergency medical services will improve the quality of life for San Diegans. It's time that we move this City forward as one and these measures help to get that done.”

These measures represent the first of many that support Faulconer's *One San Diego* vision. The first measure (Item 151), which the City Council approved on a 7-1 vote, calls for redirecting a sizable chunk of the roughly \$11 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development toward the City's infrastructure needs. CDBG funds are available for neighborhood improvements such as street lights, sidewalks and fire stations. Historically, the City of San Diego spent about 7 percent, or \$750,000, in CDBG funds for infrastructure needs. Faulconer's proposal increases that amount to about 33 percent, or about \$3.6 million, annually. The plan is part of the Mayor's focus on infrastructure, particularly in underserved communities.

The second measure (Item 200), which the City Council passed on a 7-0 vote, provides for a one-year extension of the City's ambulance contract with Rural/Metro Corp. but with several significant improvements. First, the City eliminated a provision that prevented it from imposing financial penalties for excessive response times whenever 13 or more simultaneous medical emergency calls were occurring. Second, an additional ambulance unit will be added to serve South Bay neighborhoods that have consistently had some of the worst ambulance response times in the city.

“This extension creates a more transparent and clear-cut contract between the City and Rural/Metro while also ensuring that every neighborhood in San Diego gets the same quality of service,” Falconer said.

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