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Faulconer's One San Diego Transition Advisory Committee Presents Governing Blueprint

San Diego, CA – In the same week marking his first 100 days in office, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer joined members of his *One San Diego* Transition Advisory Committee, a diverse team of men and women from across of San Diego, in presenting a final report that provides a governing blueprint for his administration's policy objectives.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer said, "I'm proud of my transition team's recommendations which help bring us one step closer to building One San Diego. Over the past few months, community leaders from all walks of life in San Diego have united under this team to help provide solutions for our City's most critical issues. I applaud them for putting aside social and political differences to think with one heart and mind to help all of San Diego move forward."

Tony Young, One San Diego Transition Advisory Committee Co-Chair and former San Diego City Council President said, "This City faced some really tough issues over the last year and Mayor Faulconer pulled together talent from across San Diego to help him find solutions to these problems. I'm proud of what this committee was able to put together in a relatively short amount of time. I'm looking forward to working with him over the next few years to implement these strategies and making San Diego a better place to live for everyone."

Steve Cushman, One San Diego Transition Advisory Committee Co-Chair and San Diego Convention Center Board of Directors Vice-Chair said, "We weren't just focused on Mayor Faulconer's initial transition into leading our city. This group's mission was to ensure his administration—and as a result, the City of San Diego, it's 10,000 employees and all San Diego residents—is successful for years to come."

Shortly after his inauguration, the Mayor directed each subcommittee to provide a report on several critical city issues. The Mayor divided his transition advisory committee into six subcommittees:

- **Education & Youth Opportunity Subcommittee** included kindergarten through 12th grade education, workforce development, post-secondary education and college access experts. The subcommittee critically evaluated and built upon many of Faulconer's existing proposals to improve education in every San Diego community. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:
 - ✓ work with educational institutions to close the skills gap.
 - ✓ increase funding for financial literacy and after-school programs.
- **Homeless & Housing Affordability Subcommittee**, which brought together preeminent city leaders on housing and homelessness. The subcommittee evaluated and provided a comprehensive review of Faulconer's *Housing for All* plan with policy recommendations to address homelessness and housing in San Diego. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:
 - ✓ pass regulatory reforms to reduce market rate housing costs.
 - ✓ create a philanthropic fund to help encourage affordable housing projects.
 - ✓ lead a regional campaign to address homelessness.
- **Infrastructure, Water Reliability & the Environment Subcommittee** was comprised of representatives from the City's labor unions, businesses, environmental groups and regional planning agencies. The group evaluated the mayor's *Streets and Neighborhoods First* infrastructure proposal and provided recommendations to create a sustainable and reliable water source for the City. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:
 - ✓ regularly assess the condition of City infrastructure.
 - ✓ use software to monitor conditions and coordinate repairs.
 - ✓ speed up the contracting process, using online tools and agreements.
 - ✓ continue efforts to diversify San Diego's water sources.
 - ✓ encourage a culture of water conservation.
 - ✓ invest in renewable energy production.
- **Jobs & Economy Subcommittee** included experts in economic development, tourism, construction, biotechnology and life sciences. The subcommittee evaluated the economic proposals outlined in Faulconer's *IDEAS* plan, while focusing on providing policy recommendations for creating a sound regional export strategy, bridging education and regional workforce opportunities and creating an effective economic development strategy. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:
 - ✓ protect and grow San Diego's main economic drivers including defense, tourism and innovation.
 - ✓ develop emerging local industries such as sports/active lifestyle and cyber security.
 - ✓ lead efforts to develop, attract and retain a skilled workforce.
 - ✓ leverage San Diego's proximity to Mexico for economic opportunities.
 - ✓ reestablish a film commission.
 - ✓ overhaul the City permitting process using online tools.
- **Open Government & Transparency Subcommittee** united San Diego's technology experts, business professionals, and community leaders in open government. The

subcommittee evaluated the Faulconer's *Transparency First Plan*. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:

- ✓ create a 3-1-1 type application and collaborate with 2-1-1 San Diego.
- ✓ implement an open data policy.
- ✓ modernize the City website.
- ✓ develop an application that better centralizes and tracks public records requests.
- ✓ create a technology advisory committee.

- **Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee** combined experienced military, public safety and community leaders. The diverse group provided guidance on the implementation of the Faulconer's Safe and Strong Neighborhood Plan, evaluated his proposals to improve emergency response times and provided recommendations for expanding youth crime prevention programs to proactively address gang violence. The group also reviewed the feasibility of Faulconer's plan to create a partnership between the police department and regional military organizations to expedite the hiring of veterans. In summary, the group members recommended that Mayor Faulconer:

- ✓ continue efforts to recruit and retain police officers.
- ✓ construct new fire stations in Skyline and on Home Avenue.
- ✓ participate in the Military Transition Support Project.

Mayor Faulconer said, "It's great that many of these suggestions have already been addressed in my *One San Diego* budget. However, there are a lot of other great policy ideas in this report. I will continue to work with my staff and transition advisory committee members to implement policies that make sound economic sense and unite our city's neighborhoods."

To view the full report and list of recommendations, please visit www.sandiego.gov.

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