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NEWS RELEASE

Faulconer Praises San Diego's Affordable Housing Efforts in Securing Nearly \$4.5 Million for Skate Parks

San Diego, CA – Today Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced that the City of San Diego will receive a grant of \$4.46 million from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to design and construct skate parks in the Linda Vista and City Heights communities.

“This is a great victory for our City,” Faulconer said. “The hard work of our leaders at City Hall and the San Diego Housing Commission deserve tremendous praise for constructing and preserving so many affordable housing units. By working together, we’re making great strides to both solve San Diego’s housing issues and build One San Diego for all.”

HCD awarded the State of California’s Housing-Related Parks Grant to the City of San Diego for the adoption of its award-winning 2013 *Housing Element*, a policy guide that addresses the comprehensive housing needs of the City. The City’s Housing Element, which is subject to detailed statutory requirements and mandatory review by the HCD, included the creation and preservation of more than 1,300 affordable housing units during the time the City applied for the grant.

The City of San Diego will use the grant funds to construct two innovative multi-generational, custom built, concrete skateboard parks within the existing Linda Vista Community Park and Park De La Cruz in City Heights. The grant funds are the result of a collaborative effort between Mayor Faulconer, City Council President Todd Gloria and City Councilmembers Scott Sherman, Marti Emerald and Lorie Zapf. Other supportive organizations include the Linda Vista Skatepark Advocates, Linda Vista Planning Group, Linda Vista Recreation Council, Mid City Community Advocacy Network, Mid-City Skatepark Advocacy Group, City Heights Area Planning Committee, City Heights Recreation Council, Cherokee Point Elementary, The California Endowment and the Tony Hawk Foundation.

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