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NEWS RELEASE

Mayor Celebrates New Library Hours in San Diego *Faulconer's One San Diego Budget Funds the Most Library Hours in a Decade*

San Diego, CA – Making good on his commitment to create *One San Diego* through ensuring quality neighborhood services for every community, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer today joined members of the San Diego Public Library, Library Foundation and students from America's Finest Charter School in City Heights to celebrate the start of new library hours that are the most expansive in a decade at all San Diego Public Library locations.

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer said, “Today we’re closing the book on the service cuts our library system has faced over the years. We’re starting a new chapter of opportunity for our city. We’re restoring library hours – and putting our vision of One San Diego into action.”

Councilmember Marti Emerald said, “Libraries change the lives and communities they serve. The additional hours allow our dedicated library staff to extend that service to the times people need their libraries the most.”

Public Library Deputy Director Bruce Johnson said, “We are excited to implement the Mayor’s new hours. The revised schedule restores the hours that were reduced during earlier budget challenges. We are pleased that we now have the most hours the San Diego Public Library has had in 10 years.”

San Diego Friends of the Library President Joan Curry said, “We support the San Diego Public Library and the new hours. We know how important these hours are to students for homework assignments, young families who come into the libraries during the day, working adults who need to come after work or on the weekends, and seniors who go to their local branches for recreation and lifelong learning.”

Library Foundation Chair Amy Valeiras said, “The San Diego Public Library Foundation was a strong advocate for the addition of hours at the Central Library and all branches. We’re deeply grateful to the Mayor and Council for their partnership in building a healthy library system that is seeing a major renaissance. The Library Foundation is more effective in attracting private contributions for the library system when there is clear public-sector support for these essential services.”

The Mayor’s *One San Diego* budget funds an additional 203 hours of library service hours per week citywide that go into effect Saturday, November 8. The funding that was released in April as a part of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget also restores core branch library hours to 48 hours per week for the first time since 2003 and expands library services on weekends. Every branch library in San Diego will add four service hours Monday through Saturday. In addition to these hours, 12 select branches will extend hours on Saturday and Sunday. The San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common will add five hours per week.

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San Diego Library New Operational Hours Fact Sheet
Mayor Faulconer’s budget adds 203 hours of library service per week citywide,
the most library service hours in 10 years.

<u>Library Hours (Prior to November 8, 2014)</u>		
44 hours per week (27 branches, Mon.-Sat., 5 hours Sat.)		1,188
48 hours per week (8 branches, Mon-Sun.)	384	
49 hours per week (Central, Mon.-Sun.)		<u>49</u>
Total:		1,621 hours per week

Library Hours (As of November 8, 2014)

48 hours per week

(23 branches, Mon.-Sat., 5.5 hours Sat.)

1,104*

55.5 hours per week

(12 branches, Mon.-Sun., 8.5 hours Sat., 4.5 hours Sun)

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54 hours per week (Central, Mon.-Sun.)

54

Total: 1,824 hours per week

Fiscal Year	Branches			Central		System Total	
	Branches	Weekly	Annualized	Weekly	Annualized	Weekly	Annualized
2004 (7/21/03)	34	1,696	88,192	64	3,328	1,760	91,520
2005 (7/11/04)	34	1,700	88,400	52	2,704	1,752	91,104
2006 (7/18/05)	34	1,459	75,868	52	2,704	1,511	78,572
2007 (no change)	34	1,459	75,868	52	2,704	1,511	78,572
2008 (7/1/07)	35	1,504	78,208	52	2,704	1,556	80,912
2009 (no change)	35	1,504	78,208	52	2,704	1,556	80,912
2010 (3/20/10)	35	1,272	66,144	44	2,288	1,316	68,432
2011 (no change)	35	1,272	66,144	44	2,288	1,316	68,432
2012 (7/20/11)	35	1,276	66,352	44	2,288	1,320	68,640
2012 (5/26/12)	35	1,451	75,452	44	2,288	1,495	77,740
2013 (11/3-4/12)	35	1,467	76,284	49	2,548	1,516	78,832
2013 (12/3/12)	35	1,572	81,744	49	2,548	1,621	84,292
2014 (no change)	35	1,572	81,744	49	2,548	1,621	84,292
2015	35	1,770	92,040	54	2,808	1,824	94,848

*No Sunday hours

**Sunday hours

- **8 branches** currently open on Sunday **add 3.5 more hours** (3 hours on Saturday, .5 hour on Sunday) City Heights/Weingart, LaJolla/Riford, Point Loma/Hervey, Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa, Logan Heights, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Valencia Park/Malcolm X
- **4 branches** added to Extended Weekend service and **add 7.5 more hours** (3 hours on Saturday, 4.5 hours on Sunday) - Carmel Valley, Mission Valley, North University Community, and Otay Mesa-Nestor.