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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TO DESIGNATE SPACE FOR ONLINE TRANSACTIONS**  
*Designated Online Transaction Space (D.O.T.S.) pilot program, first-of-its-kind for region*

San Diego, CA: On Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., Councilmember Chris Cate and public safety personnel, will be unveiling a Designated Online Transaction Space (D.O.T.S.) at the San Diego Police Department's Northeastern Division.

Now, more than ever, online platforms such as Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, LetGo, Offer Up, and Shopify, have become an epicenter for scam artists and predators looking to take advantage of innocent people. D.O.T.S. will provide a convenient, public meeting place for carrying out or completing an online or private sale.

Marked with City of San Diego signage in a well-lit area, D.O.T.S. is in clear view of the San Diego Police Department's front door. There is no appointment necessary. While such zones are established in other parts of the country, D.O.T.S. will be the first-of-its-kind for the City of San Diego and for the region.

"As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods, I am honored to champion D.O.T.S. You cannot put a price tag on peace of mind," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

"We are always looking for ways to help keep our community safe and prevent crime," said San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman. "This is yet another way for us to partner with our community to enhance public safety."

**WHAT:** Designated Online Transaction Space (D.O.T.S.) unveiling

**WHERE:** San Diego Police Department - Northeastern Division  
13396 Salmon River Road, San Diego, CA 92129

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

**VISUALS:** Inaugural D.O.T.S. users will complete transaction in designated space

**About Councilmember Chris Cate**

Chris Cate is an advocate and voice for all residents in District 6. Chris proudly represents the neighborhoods of Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, Mira Mesa, Miramar, Park Village, and Sorrento Valley.