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### **COUNCILMEMBER EMERALD AND MID-CITY CAN ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR CENTRAL AVENUE MINI PARK**

#### **PROJECT WILL CREATE FIRST SKATE PLAZA IN CITY HEIGHTS**

**When:** Saturday, June 1, 2013, 10 a.m.

**Where:** Central Avenue, between Landis and Dwight Streets, San Diego, CA 92105.

**What:** Announcing funding Mini-Park and first-ever Skate Plaza in City Heights.

**Who:** City Councilmember Marti Emerald  
Council President Todd Gloria  
Stacey LoMedico, Director, City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department  
Terry Stanley, Mid-City CAN Youth Councilmember  
Peter Whitley, Programs Director, Tony Hawk Foundation  
Tad Seth Parzen, Executive Director, City Heights Partnership for Children  
Steven Eldred, City Heights Program Manager, The California Endowment

**Visuals:** 3 x 4 poster board of the design of the Mini-Park and first-ever Skate Plaza in City Heights.

**Why:** After years of advocating, Councilmember Marti Emerald joins Mid-City CAN and local community members to celebrate the funded Mini-Park and first-ever Skate Plaza in City Heights. In April 2013, a state grant was awarded to the Skate Plaza project, fully funding the project. City Heights is 100 acres short of usable park space and this park will provide much needed recreation space. The project will help improve the lives of families and youth by providing a safe place to gather and enjoy the outdoors.

The Central Avenue Mini-Park and Skate Plaza in City Heights will be on a 0.64 acre site. The park will include a 2-5 year tot lot, a 5-12 year playground, small open turf area for passive recreation, a plaza with games, landscaping, and relocation of trees. Construction will begin in October 2014 and be open to the public in November 2015.

The total area for the skate plaza is 0.145 acres, approximately 23 percent of the .64 acre site. The design phase will include community outreach and input. It is anticipated that the skate plaza will begin construction in slightly less than 2 years.

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