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Councilmember Sherman Announces Approval of <u>\$3 Million Grant</u> for Construction of New Skate Park in Linda Vista

Announcement marks nearly a year of effort by community groups, Sherman's office, and city staff to secure funds for much needed recreation facility in Linda Vista community.

San Diego – Councilmember Scott Sherman received news from the City of San Diego Planning Department that the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) have approved a \$3 million grant to build a new state of the art skate park in Linda Vista.

"The approval of grant funds for a new skate park in Linda Vista is great news for our community. I deeply appreciate the hard work of the Linda Vista Recreation Council, the Linda Vista Community Planning Group, the Tony Hawk Foundation and the local skating community spearheaded by Chris Limon for helping make this happen," said Sherman.

The request for the funds began nearly a year ago when Councilmember's Sherman, Zapf and then Councilmember Faulconer sent a memo to the Parks & Recreation Department urging the department to seek a grant from HCD for the Linda Vista Skate Park project.

In addition to the \$3 million grant, the project received an additional \$40,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation.

The proposed skate park is planned to be built in the Linda Vista Community Park which is surrounded by affordable housing and lower income homes. This project will directly serve the residents in those communities and will be a destination skate park for all of San Diego County. The city will use the grant funding to construct an innovative, multi-generational, custom built concrete skate park.

The next step is to begin receiving feedback and ideas from the Linda Vista community on design of the skate park.

"We are very excited to get into the community and hear their ideas on how we can make the Linda Vista Skate park the best in the City. I'm looking forward to getting shovels in the ground and completing this project for the community," said Sherman.