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Mayor Faulconer, Councilmembers Sherman and Emerald Present \$3,040,000 Check to Youth Skaters and Linda Vista Community

*Grant funds to be used for new state-of-the-art skateparks
and community upgrades in Linda Vista and City Heights*

San Diego – Today Mayor Kevin Faulconer, Councilmember Scott Sherman, and Councilmember Marti Emerald presented a \$3 million check to youth skaters and the Linda Vista Community. The funds will be used to build a new skatepark at the Linda Vista Community Park and for park upgrades.

The funds are a grant from the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development. The Tony Hawk Foundation also donated \$40,000 to the project. In addition, the grant also includes funds for a \$1.4 million skatepark in City Heights – bringing the total to \$4.46 million.

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

The skatepark will 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.

"This is a great day for the Linda Vista community and the City of San Diego. I am looking forward to getting into the community and hearing resident's ideas on how they would like their park to look," said Councilmember Sherman.

"The youth of San Diego have spoken, and your Mayor and City Councilmembers have listened. At long last, Linda Vista and City Heights will have skate parks," said Mayor Faulconer. "As Mayor, I can say this is great news for our community. As a father, I can say this will be a benefit to San Diego families."

"Our youth have been working towards getting a skate park for quite some time. This is exciting news for Linda Vista and City Heights," said Councilmember Emerald

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