



Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer

# San Diego: Building Our Better Future

MAYOR KEVIN L. FAULCONER'S 2016 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

## 50 PARKS IN 5 YEARS

*"Starting this year, we're going to give San Diego's park system a dramatic makeover. I want every neighborhood, every family and every child to have a park where they can make memories of their own. We are embarking on the largest park expansion effort San Diego has seen in modern history."*

### Play All Day Initiative

- Innovative partnership between the City and San Diego Unified School District.
- Makes more parks on school property open to the community.
- Jointly building or upgrading dozens of parks in 5 years.

### A New Generation of City Parks

- Opening or upgrading dozens of parks across San Diego in next 2 years.
- Producing a new master plan for San Diego's park system for the first time in more than 60 years.

### Creating Mission Bay Park's Next Great Space

- Launching the public process to plan what is next for the 76-acre mobile home park next to De Anza Cove.
- Plans could include hiking, camping, biking and walking trails, and restoring wetlands.

## HOUSING OUR HEROES: HELPING 1,000 HOMELESS VETERANS

*"Sometimes the key to a better life is as simple as a key to a room you can call your own. When veterans find themselves on the verge of homelessness or without housing, we will help them find a place to live – so the word 'homeless' never enters their vocabulary."*

### Goal of helping 1,000 homeless veterans get off the streets by the end of 2016

- A new housing-first homeless action plan to connect individuals to housing with supportive services.

### Opens Doors to Homeless Veterans

- Partners with landlords and offers incentives to put a roof over homeless veterans' heads.
- Offers supportive services and short-term rental assistance, such as security deposits and rent subsidies.

### **An Innovative and Regional Effort**

- Collaboration between City of San Diego, County of San Diego, San Diego Housing Commission, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce and local apartment associations.
- \$12 million investment by the San Diego Housing Commission and City of San Diego, pending City Council approval.

## **BRINGING EQUALITY TO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

*"Our community will not reach its fullest potential until all San Diegans can reach theirs. When it seems more likely that a San Diego kid will end up with a job in fast food – rather than a future in biotechnology – something has to change. I believe bringing equality to economic opportunity is our generation's calling."*

### **Introducing Children to San Diego's Innovation Economy**

- Creating "Thinkabit"-style labs, pioneered by Qualcomm, to provide middle school students hands-on learning experience.
- Goal of opening five labs in 2016 in San Diego industries that are growing and hiring.
- Northrup Grumman, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute and Raytheon have committed to launching labs in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District.

### **One San Diego 100 Youth Employment Program**

- Enlist 100 local businesses to offer 1,000 paid jobs to San Diego's high school and college students, with a focus on low income communities.
- Training the next generation of San Diegans to develop skills that lead to careers.
- Joint effort with the San Diego Workforce Partnership and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp.

## **LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A WORLD-CLASS CITY**

*"From our libraries to our parks to day-to-day neighborhood repairs, the scope of the infrastructure improvements happening in our communities is extraordinary."*

### **Building Our Better Neighborhoods**

- Directing nearly \$500 million to rebuild our neighborhoods.
- The number of construction contracts is at the highest level of the decade.
- On pace to fill 27,000 potholes this year.
- Investing nearly \$10 million in community improvements every week.

### **Streamlining Repairs**

- Continuing sweeping reforms to ramp up community improvements.
- Just one recent reform helped identify more than \$75 million that can be invested back into communities.