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MEDIA ALERT

Balboa Park Conservancy and City of San Diego Park & Recreation Department to Plant 58 Trees Along 28th Street

WHEN: Wednesday, August 22, 10:00 AM

WHERE: 28th Street between Ash St. and Beech St.

WHAT: As part of its Urban Forest initiative, the [Balboa Park Conservancy](#) and the [City of San Diego Parks & Recreation Department](#) will finish planting 58 trees in Balboa Park along 28th Street, to provide additional tree canopy to the neighborhoods of South Park and Golden Hill. This canopy will include 16 different species of trees, including several species of pine, oak, jacaranda, camphor, and pink trumpet trees.

Urban Corps has been working with the Conservancy and the Parks & Recreation Department to plant these trees, to provide shade for park visitors, contribute to the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan, and beautify San Diego's crown jewel, Balboa Park. This group of trees will be planted in irrigated turf areas and will be supplemented with a water truck delivery twice a week. At this event, the last ten of the 58 trees will be planted.

This initiative is part of [Tree Balboa Park](#), a massive reforestation project to plant 500 trees within Balboa Park over two years, helping restore the park's depleted tree canopy. The project launched in summer 2017 after the Conservancy secured a \$378,297 state grant from [CAL FIRE](#), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which selected Tree Balboa Park as part of its urban forest expansion and improvement initiative through the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF).

WHO:

- San Diego City Council Member Chris Ward
- Tomás Herrera-Mishler, Balboa Park Conservancy President and CEO
- Lynette Short, CAL FIRE
- Volunteers, neighbors, and members of the community

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Volunteers planting new trees
- Remarks by Council Member Chris Ward and Tomás Herrera-Mishler

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