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CITY OF SAN CARLOS INTRODUCES 24/7 PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE LIFE-SAVING DEFIBRILLATORS IN CITY PARKS

(SAN CARLOS, CA, October 3, 2024) – The City of San Carlos is officially unveiling eight automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at key locations throughout San Carlos. The City will mark the occasion with an unveiling at Burton Park on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 3 p.m. The AEDs, housed in climate-controlled outdoor towers from SaveStation, will provide 24/7 public access to the life-saving equipment, a first for any city on the Peninsula.

The AEDs, which significantly increase the chances of survival following a cardiac arrest, are strategically located in San Carlos parks. While AEDs have long been located inside City-owned buildings, the new AEDs are all located outdoors, providing 24/7 public access even when City facilities are closed. One SaveStation is located at each of Arguello Park, Crestview Park, and Laureola Park, while Burton Park and Highlands Park each have two stations. One additional station is located at the Wheeler Parking Garage at 651 Walnut Street. All eight SaveStation towers can be monitored 24/7, ensuring that they are always operational, and providing City staff with a notification any time the AED is opened and activated.

“I’m proud that San Carlos is leading the way in making these life-saving devices publicly accessible to everyone in our community,” said Mayor John Dugan. “In tandem with education on CPR and the proper use of AEDs provided by the City, this will go a long way to making San Carlos a safer place to live, work, and play in. The potential to save even one life in San Carlos makes this project very special.”

The City of San Carlos will provide CPR and AED educational training classes this winter, in collaboration with the San Carlos and Redwood City Fire Department. Information on these classes and the SaveStation AEDs, including a location map and use instructions, will be available on the City's website at cityofsancarlos.org in the coming weeks.

For more information and instructional videos on how to operate the SaveStation AEDs, please visit www.savestation.ca/videos.

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