# CITY STATEMENT



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## CITY UPDATE ON THE SINKHOLE IN THE FIRST STREET PARKING LOT

Seal Beach, CA – [Date] – The City of Seal Beach is providing an update on the unexpected sinkhole that occurred in the First Street parking lot near the Beach House restaurant on December 30, 2023 due to recent rainfall and tide events that most likely contributed to this incident.

#### Immediate Action Taken:

The City's Public Works team was immediately dispatched to the location and assessed the situation. The top priority is to safely fill the void and ensure public safety in the surrounding area. This critical work is currently underway and expected to be completed by the end of the week. There were no injuries or reported property damage.

#### **Further Assessment:**

Following the initial stabilization, a comprehensive assessment will be conducted to determine the full extent of the damage. Based on the findings, we will develop a detailed plan for permanent repairs and any required infrastructure upgrades, if further actions are warranted.

#### **Transparency and Communication:**

We understand that the sinkhole may cause inconvenience for residents and visitors. We want to assure you that the City is taking this situation seriously and is committed to

resolving it promptly and effectively. We will continue to provide regular updates as the situation progresses and keep you informed of the assessment findings and repair timeline.

### **Public Safety:**

In the meantime, we urge everyone to follow posted signage in the area while repairs are taking place. Please prioritize your safety and respect any temporary closures in effect.

#### For More Information:

Please see the City's website and/or follow us on the City's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, X – formerly Twitter) for the latest news and updates.

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